



The Archon

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...my dwelling house and farm and all my Real Estate lying and being in Newbery upon this special use and trust, viz. that the whole of Use rents, issues and profits thereof shall in the first place be appropriated, laid out, and expended in erecting, building and finishing a Grammar school house... And it is my will that no scholar be admitted into such school but such as can read English well.

Lt. Governor William Dummer

Dummer Academy.

DUMMER ACADEMY was founded by Lieut. Governor WILLIAM DUMMER, and opened for scholars in 1763. He gave his farm of three hundred and thirty acres and mansion house, which had been his country seat, on which are the Academy buildings, for its support. It is situated in the parish of Byfield, in the town of Newbury, Massachusetts. The location is a most desirable one for such a school: it is in the midst of a pleasant and healthy farming district, with no hotels, stores, or places of public resort in the immediate vicinity. The farm lies in a body, between the Parker and Mill rivers, and affords with the surrounding territory, varied scenery of land and water, and is well adapted for the enjoyments of country life and rural sports and pastimes. It is conveniently accessible from the Eastern Railroad station at Newburyport distant four miles, from the Rowley station three miles, and from the Boston and Maine station in Byfield three miles, and is connected with Newburyport by telephone. For a long series of years the school was under the care of the celebrated Master MOODY, and numbers among its teachers and pupils some of the most eminent men and scholars of the country. It is the purpose of the trustees to restore it to the rank among preparatory schools which it formerly held, and they have secured the services of JOHN W. PERKINS, A. M., late principal of the Salem High School, who will take charge of the Academy in September next.

The primary object of the school is to prepare boys for college, with special reference to the requirements for admission to Harvard University. Boys designing to enter other colleges or the Institute of Technology, or scientific schools, or who desire instruction in special branches will be admitted and may pursue such studies from the regular course as their parents or guardians may select. Thorough discipline of the mental powers, the acquiring by the pupil of the habit of thinking and reasoning for himself, and the inculcation of a high moral tone, are regarded of more importance than the mere acquisition of knowledge. Especial care will be given to the deportment and habits of the pupils, and when not under the personal charge of their parents, they will be subject to rules and discipline, both in and out of school.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

In preparation for the 1882-1883 school year, a prospectus outlining the Academy's history, philosophy, purpose and requirements was published. The academic year began on September 12 with John W. Perkins, former principal of Salem High School, taking on the post of Headmaster. Most of the boys were being prepared to enter Harvard University, though those who wanted "to enter other colleges or the Institute of Technology, or scientific schools, or who desire[d] instruction in special branches" were also admitted. "Divine worship on the Sabbath" was required and students admitted to the sixth class (the first year) were to be fluent readers in English, know grammar, usage and spelling, have knowledge of geography, be able to work common fractions and write legibly. The cost for their college preparation? \$75 per year for tuition, \$375 for "room, board, washing, fuel and lights." Most students lived in the Mansion House though some were allowed to board at nearby farm houses. The pictured prospectus was given to the GDA Archives by Norm Brown '47.

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Founder's Day Celebration, March 1, 2006.

Lincoln Clark '66 pictured on far left.

Photograph by Tucker Walsh '08

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Thanks for Contribution

I send you this correspondence as coordinator of The Katrina Relief Fund Action Coalition. The coalition was a coming together of groups in Greater Roxbury to aid victims of the hurricane on the Gulf Coast.

In that regard, we were able to send three truckloads of food, water and clothing. Also, due to donations, two \$1,250.00 scholarships were provided to deserving students who reside in New Orleans and attend Dillard University, a historically black college that is located there.

The coalition would like to express our appreciation to you of Governor Dummer [Academy] in your efforts to raise and donate \$1,300.00 towards the scholarships that were donated. The future of two students is now much brighter.

In struggle,

Sadiki Kambom
Director,
Black Community Information
Center, Inc.
Boston, MA

Note: An additional \$1,300.00 was raised by GDA and sent to the Cantor Fitzgerald Relief Fund.



More Thanks....

Most people aren't appreciated enough, and the bravest things we do in our lives are usually known only to ourselves. No one throws ticker tape on the man who chose to be faithful to his wife, on the lawyer who didn't take the drug money, on the daughter who held her tongue again and again. All this anonymous heroism.

— Peggy Noonan, Wall Street Journal

Add your family to that list of anonymous heroes, you who, by your kindness, provided joy to children in extreme need this past holiday season. We lost count somewhere around 650 kids. To our knowledge, we took care of all we knew about. It was the most we ever covered so every dollar, toy and pair of socks donated was essential.

Thank goodness that you wouldn't let these kids be forgotten. Because of you, and others like you, they can carry the better memories of this season with them always, as will I. Who knows what benefits your generosity may provide down the line, perhaps tipping someone toward a kindness of their own when they recall this Christmas.

Whatever I say can't really do justice to your compassion. A humble thank you has to cover it although it doesn't feel like enough. Thank you so very much students, teachers and staff. The distinctive heart and character of your community in behalf of the less fortunate inspires and gives hope for the future. I wish all of you the best in life, now and always.

Jack Herlihy/Ozzie's Kids 2005
Haverhill, MA



Memories....

As always, I enjoyed the latest issue of The Archon. Peter Dorsey's piece on Dodge's Cider Mill struck a special chord, for I too have many fond memories of the trek over the hill (much shorter, for those of us who didn't have bikes, though carrying a gallon jug by one finger of each hand on the way back was a pain) to Dodge's.

I don't know when GDA students first discovered Dodge's, but it must have been a long time ago. A few years ago, in one of my U.S. History seminars at the U. of British Columbia, one of our readings involved a farmer named Dodge with an orchard at the northern boundary of Rowley, who just before the Revolution (1772? — my memory fails me) built a cider press to process his crops and those of his neighbors across the line in Newbury. I couldn't prove to a historian's satisfaction that this was the progenitor of the Dodges I knew, or that the location was the same; but I don't suppose there's much real doubt. Being, by a very wide margin, the oldest student in the seminar, I enjoyed telling the others that Dodge's cider was the best I ever tasted. It was, too, and I was most disappointed, on revisiting GDA a few years ago, to find that I could no longer bring a couple of gallons of Pa Tater's finest back home with me. It appears, though that the happy connection between the Dodge family and GDA students may have spanned something like 200 years.

Anne-Marie Laverty '67
British Columbia, Canada

More Memories....

Call me a romantic, a hopeless romantic. I freely admit to it and frankly, the older I get, the worse the symptoms. A strange thing happened to me one evening in December as I was relaxing in front of the television watching the movie, *Mr. Holland's Opus*: an epiphany perhaps, but more like a siren call back to the basics that may have been lost in the shuffle that our school has recently experienced. It wasn't a terribly original story, in fact it was really *Goodbye Mr. Chips* told through the eyes of a revered music teacher at a public high school. However, I found myself rather unsuccessfully fighting back tears as Mr. Holland unsuspectingly walks into the school auditorium as his students of 30 years gather together to honor him before his (forced because of budget cuts) retirement. Richard Dreyfus does an admirable job, I thought, portraying a teacher aging through his career, wondering if he had had any influence or impact at all on his students' lives. The last moments of the film, much like *Chips*, show just how powerful a teacher's touch can be.

I stand in awe of teachers. It cannot be an easy job. The modern world has made the profession more difficult in ways that I am sure I do not fully understand. With all the trials and tribulations of nurturing young people, however, I cannot imagine a more satisfying line of work, particularly when the graduate returns to the mentor and a life-long friendship develops. It has been that way across the long veil of years, and I am certain most of you reading this will have had this emotional connection with any number of your teachers.

What I am more concerned with here, though, is that over the last year during which the school's name change was debated, many of us may have lost an

important perspective, or at least found it clouded by a different emotion. I have no doubt what drove the strong feelings many of us had about changing the name of our school. Let's face it: a good many important years of our lives have been spent with Governor Dummer Academy. We became young men and women here after arriving as boys and girls. But therein is the essence of my reference to Mr. Holland's Opus. For all of us who love this school, our deep and powerful emotional connection to Governor Dummer Academy is a consequence of the teachers with whom we grew up.

I happen to have many occasions to get back to campus, and I never, ever miss the chance to walk into the Cobb Room to spend a few minutes in front of Buster's portrait. There are other images of my former teachers now evident in Frost: Heb Evans, Bob Anderson, Mac Murphy, John Witherspoon, Pierre Baratelli...my list would go on and on as I recall each one's particular influence on my life. For many younger alumni, you, too, are so fortunate to have had great teachers whom I have come to know over the years, not in the classroom, but as friends. They are every bit the quintessential "master" teacher this school has enjoyed since Master Moody first graced these halls.

What I am trying to say is that it really shouldn't matter what new name we use for our school. We are and always have been a collection of incredibly dedicated teachers who have chosen this path for themselves knowing that in some small way they just might influence a young mind to be a better person in this very challenging world. That is our navigational star. As adults, we are what we are today, whether we admit to it or not, because some teachers we once had touched our

lives and left a little of themselves with us. A day does not go by that I do not ask myself: how would Art have expected me to handle that, or I wonder if Val would be proud of my choice of this, or would Mac have gently guided me differently? Any one of you could substitute other names with the same effect, and I daresay you do so often.

So, as I make my way back to the campus from time to time and I see Dick Leavitt and Mike Moonves (the only two masters remaining from my own school years; Mike had just arrived as I was graduating), I cannot help but marvel at the love and total dedication they, and others, have given this honored profession. We are all getting older, no doubt, but in our mind's eye our teachers remain the age we remember them from our youth. Perhaps they become immortal that way, like Mr. Holland and Mr. Chips. Our school is the sum of the parts: the teachers who give their lives for their students. The name of our school suddenly becomes less important when we regain the perspective of why we love this dear old place.

Jeff Gordon '69
Portsmouth, RI

Jeff Gordon has been Treasurer of the Board of Trustees since 1990.

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Having survived the college admissions process with our two eldest boys, we are about to tempt fate and re-enter that period of high drama, low comedy and considerable angst with our third son. I decided to use this as an occasion to travel back to my own college for a visit. My alma mater did not fit the profile for the type of school that interested my son, but we agreed it might be useful to look at it as a point of comparison to his other choices. Knowing that I did not have to “sell” my college, I was able to approach the day as an exercise in nostalgia and personal memories.

As alumni of schools and colleges, there is a natural tendency to want to “freeze frame” our experiences there. Because it played a significant role in who we are today, we want to place protective velvet museum ropes around the institution so it will remain as it lives in our memory.

Walking about the campus, it was evident that the physical plant had changed considerably. There were a number of new buildings and many of the venerable structures had undergone conversions to other uses or significant renovations. Every building was marked with a logo unfamiliar to me. When I was a senior, the college had just enrolled its first class of women. Today, the number of women on campus seemed to be of equal proportion to that of men. In addition, the faces of the students hurrying off to classes suggested a significantly more diverse student body than had existed in the early 1970s. A visit to the student union revealed a myriad of posters and flyers advertising programs, clubs and organizations unheard of “back in the day.” A copy of the current curriculum guide obtained in the library revealed a very different menu of offerings than I remembered. I was beginning to feel like a stranger in a strange land when I encountered one of my former professors. His class had been one of my favorites and helped to direct me to my subsequent major. Our conversation was both familiar and a vivid reminder of the impact certain teachers had on my development. I remarked how different the place appeared to be. He allowed that the College had indeed changed considerably in the last 35 years. He observed that there was a day and a time when schools and colleges could keep the world at bay. There was an insularity and homogeneity about many universities and secondary schools that began to break down after the Second World War. The 1960s, Vietnam and the Civil Rights movement accelerated this process by bringing the world to the doorstep of American educational institutions. “Things have to change if we are to do our job,” he commented. The core values and essence of the college remain strong and vibrant, he concluded. Reassured, we walked towards our car and happened to run into two GDA graduates who were sophomores at the school. As they described their experiences, the excitement and enthusiasm they conveyed confirmed my former mentor’s wisdom.

Good schools cannot be afraid of change. Rather, they need to be nimble and possess the capability and resolve to adapt to new conditions and circumstances. It is only through this flexibility that students can be prepared for the unique challenges they will encounter in the world. The willingness to explore, evolve and innovate is almost a “tradition” at GDA. We are broadening our search for a student body of high potential that is diverse, strongly motivated, committed to learning and prepared to contribute to the extracurricular life of the school. The faculty is in the early stages of a curricular review that will re-examine course offerings in light of the new challenges presented by globalism, the critical importance of achieving proficiency in math and science skills, the need to acquire the ability to access, process and evaluate information and the necessity of developing familiarity with technology as a tool in the learning process. We are looking to further strengthen our residential life program and are actively investigating ways to promote and support the moral, ethical, athletic and artistic development of our students.

As we continue to evolve as a school and proudly display our new name, the unique essence of the Academy remains; a friendly, supportive community characterized by close student faculty relationships; where learning how to learn carries a high premium; where young people are encouraged in their efforts to take academic, artistic and athletic risks; where students are inspired for full lives of self discovery, personal achievement and service to others.

John M. Doggett Jr.

Development Developments



Boston Cityscape by artist Joel Babb featured at Vose Galleries

Pictures (and wine) at an Exhibition

GDA alumni and parents are invited to a private wine reception and gallery viewing featuring the work of artist Joel Babb at Vose Galleries of Boston on Thursday, May 11, 2006, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Vose Galleries is operated by GDA alumnus Abbot W. "Bill" Vose '60.

Established in 1841, Vose Galleries began as an artists' supply store in Providence, Rhode Island and is now the oldest family-owned art gallery in the country. The gallery specializes in non-contemporary American artists from the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries. In the fall of 2001, Vose Galleries opened a new contemporary wing marking the return to exhibiting the work of living artists after a 40-year hiatus. The galleries specialize in Hudson River School, American Impressionism and the Boston School.

Joel Babb, the featured artist at the May reception, is recognized as one of Boston's foremost urban painters, and his large paintings of the city, painted from unique and odd angles, are in prominent corporate and private collections throughout New England. Meanwhile, in recent years, he has discovered landscape and forest interiors of western Maine, where he built a studio and home, and where he currently lives year-round. This work was featured in a recent profile in *Downtown Magazine*, and formed the heart of his most recent solo

exhibition, "Intimate Wilderness: Maine Landscapes of Joel Babb," at the Bates College Museum of Art in Lewiston, Maine, in 2002. Mr. Babb has taught courses in drawing and painting at Tufts University, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Harvard University Extension School and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts from 1974 to the present. The list of museums that have shown his work is long, and includes the Arnot Art Museum, the DeCordova Museum, the National Academy of Design, the Ogunquit Art Museum, the Philbrook Museum of Art, and the Portland Museum of Art. In 1996 the Harvard Medical School commissioned him to paint a large picture of the first successful kidney transplant that took place during the 1950s. The painting currently hangs in the Countway Library of the Harvard Medical School. Other institutions that own his paintings are Bates College, the DeCordova Museum, and the Fogg Art Museum of Harvard University. Corporate collections include Bank of Boston, Boston Gas, the Charles Hotel, Fidelity, Fleet Bank, IBM, Standish Ayer and Wood, and the Tufts New England Medical Center.

Vose Galleries is located at 238 Newbury Street in Boston. If you would like to attend, please contact Sandy Keyes at skeyes@gda.org or 978-499-3185.

Alumni Games Draw the Loyal



Front Row (left to right) Todd Dages '78, Kyrie Stevens '90, David Miller '87, Anthony Fusco '85, Ben Bizier '02, Andy Ramirez '98 and John Perlowski '79. Back Row (left to right) Randy O'Brien '79, Andre Sheffield '92, Justin Rivera '94, Ike Suggs '78, Troy Dages '78, Henry Rosen '79, Bob Sims '99, D.J. Ward '05 and Anthony Fleurival '02



Front Row (left to right) Lenny Ceglarski '02, John Holt '05, Chris Riley '97, Matt Heath, Devin Sullivan '92 and Brendan Forrest '94. Back Row (left to right) Max St. Pierre '07, John Pingree '81, Ted Werner '84, John Leonard '03, Archie Kasnet '95, Eric Marshall '84 and Ryan Perich '07

A small but stalwart group donned jerseys and played a spirited hockey game on very fast ice with few line changes at the Alumni Winter Games on January 8, 2006. Thanks to varsity coach Peter Kravchuk for overseeing this all-star group.

On the hardwood, the boys varsity basketball team hung on for a hard fought win against alums, 78-70. The alums, coached by Isaiah Suggs '78 were led by old-timer Todd Dages '78, and four members of the class of '79, Troy Dages, Randy O'Brien, John Perlowski, and Henry "H" Rosen. A post-games reception was held in the Frost Library.



Honoring our Founder...

Thanks to Scott Williams '74 who arranged for His Majesty's Tenth Regiment of Foot, a Revolutionary War re-enactment group, to appear at Founder's Day, March 1. Scott's 10-year-old son, Nathaniel, is the fife player for the group, and Lincoln Clark '66 is the Captain, Light Infantry Division.

The "soldiers" marched into The Performing Arts Center where Governor Dummer (in the personage of faculty member Joe Repczynski) reviewed the troops and read his will. The entire school then exited the PAC and marched to the original Little Red Schoolhouse where a wreath was placed in honor of William Dummer and the troops shot their muskets in salute to our founder.

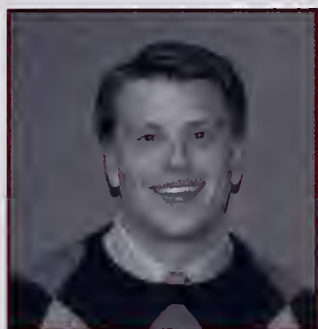


DONOR PROFILE

Beverly Giblin, P'04, '05

Bev, the mother of Erin Giblin '04 and Brendan Giblin '05, remains active in the GDA community even after her children have graduated. As an enthusiastic member of the Allies while her children were students on campus, Bev served as Co-Chair of the Allies auction and helped initiate many other Allies activities. As a past parent, Bev recently joined GDA's Board of Trustees and is a member of the Board's Development and Buildings and Grounds Committees.

To Bev, continuing to offer her financial and personal support to GDA, is easy to explain. "The School gave us so much as a family," she says. "It was a life-changing experience for Erin and Brendan, one that has had a positive effect on their whole lives and as a result, I feel I should be thankful to GDA for the rest of mine."



New Face in Development

Matt Heath, a graduate of Lawrence Academy and Connecticut College, joined the Development Office in November as Major Gift Officer. "I am thrilled to be working in the GDA Development Office," Matt says. "Working here gives me the opportunity to connect my teaching background with my sales and marketing experience. I have joined a great team and look forward to contributing to the GDA community."

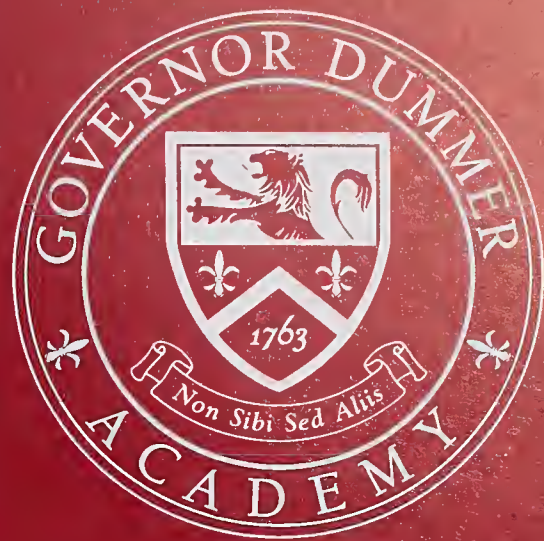
A native of Essex, Matt roomed with Tim Flaherty '98 at Conn College where he was active in student dance productions, served as a mentor in the New London community, played hockey and participated in club sports. Before coming to GDA, Matt worked as a history teacher and coach at the Kingswood Oxford School and as a sales/marketing representative in the beverage business. He and his wife Jacqueline live in Gloucester.

"We are very excited to have Matt join the GDA Development Office," says Lori Correale, GDA's Director of Advancement. "His connections to the local community, including many GDA families, are strong, and his experience in business as well as independent schools makes him uniquely qualified to build lasting philanthropic relationships with our alumni, parents and friends."

Grooving at The Grog

Ever since its inception, the Milestone Stop at The Grog in Newburyport the night before Thanksgiving has been an extremely popular and well-attended event. And this year's gathering was another success, as over 85 alums came together and enjoyed conversation and laughs from 7-9 p.m. Joining the GDA throng were faculty members Ike Suggs '78, Shawn Markey '93 and Mike Moonves.

The Grog staff was quite complimentary about the GDA crowd, and looks forward to hosting for years to come. Director of Alumni Relations Mike Moonves was most appreciative of alumni support for this event. "We plan to return to The Grog in November '06," he promises.



2006 Upcoming Events

April 20

Alumni Council Dinner for Seniors

April 28

Grandparents Day

May 11

Vose Gallery Reception

May 17

Boston Pops

June 9 - 11

Reunion Weekend / Alumni Games



Milestone Dance 1956



Reunion '06

Mark your calendars,
1's and 6's, because
Reunion is just
around the corner on
June 9-11, 2006.

If you are interested in assisting with
your class reunion plans, please
contact Mike Moonves in the
Development Office at
(978) 499-3152 or
mmoonves@gda.org.

Preliminary Reunion Schedule June 9-11, 2006

Friday, June 9

3:00 p.m.

Registration begins – Phillips Building
Class Headquarters/Dormitories – Open
Cocktails in the Student Center
Reunion Dinner in the Jacob Dining Hall
After Dinner Gathering in the Perry Room

6:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

9:00 - 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 10

7:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

10:15 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

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2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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Continental Breakfast
Breakfast – Jacob Dining Hall - Phillips Building
Registration – all day – Phillips Building
25th Annual Pie Race
Back To The Classroom Student Panel
Annual Meeting and Memorial Service
Alumni/ae Concert
Cookout Luncheon
Champagne Luncheon for the Class of 1956
Champagne Luncheon for the Old Guard
Alumni/ae Games
Children's Program
Free Time
(Newburyport Cruises/Tours, Golf, Tennis, etc.)
Cocktails in the Pescocolido Library
Reunion Class Dinner in various locations
After Dinner Entertainment in the Student Center

6:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 11

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Farewell Brunch
Checkout

Short Takes

AD Named to Lax HOF



Roberta "Bert" McLain, Athletic Director at Governor Dummer Academy, was inducted into the New England Lacrosse Hall of Fame on January 28, 2006 in a dinner and ceremony at the Museum of our National Heritage in Lexington. McLain was one of six new inductees.

McLain started her career as a player at Choate Rosemary Hall and went on to be a four-year varsity player at Union College. She was the Captain and MVP in 1984 at Union. Her career as a coach began at the Kimball Union School in New Hampshire where she amassed a 167-win record between 1985-1998 and won eight league championships. Twice Lacrosse Magazine ranked her teams in the National Top 20 teams. In addition, she coached several All-Americans.

Bert served as President of the New

England School Girl Lacrosse from 1996 - 1998 when a reorganization of the national governing body changed the title to New England Representative to the High School Coaches Council, a position she still holds today. She also played an instrumental role in the merger of the USWLA and US Lacrosse, served on the US Lacrosse Board of Directors in 1997 to 1999, and on the Women's Division Board of Governors in 2000 to 2001. McLain was a presenter at and organizer of the first Women's US Lacrosse Convention in Baltimore and worked on the regional selection committee for All-Americans and National Tournament team selections. McLain has coached many National Tournament teams and received a Coaching Distinction Award from Kimball Union in 2001. She came to GDA in 1998.

GDA Takes Lead in Moodle Use

GDA Director of Library Services Susan Chase and Manager of Information Systems Aaron Mandel presented a workshop entitled "Moodle in the Classroom" at the Massachusetts Computer Using Educators (Mass CUE Inc.) leadership symposium on March 20, 2006 in Worcester. The daylong symposium was designed to provide an opportunity for school technology leaders to collaborate with each other as they plan the technology future of their institutions.

The workshop by Chase and Mandel followed a February 8 afternoon program they presented at GDA for a MassCue sponsored Special Interest Group focusing on Moodle as a learning tool. The duo created and co-chair this ongoing group. Mandel discussed installation, development and support while Chase covered the implementation of Moodle at the Academy as it has been embraced by classroom teachers.

For the uninitiated, Moodle is a course



Moodle Conference 2005 GDA

management system designed to enable educators to augment their classroom content with an online component such as a discussion board. Moodle's design is based upon social constructionist pedagogy and, as a result, supports effective learning environments. Moodle is also Open Source, which means that it is free to download and use. It is available in 70 different languages and

boasts more than 9,147 registered sites in 47 countries.

Last summer, GDA sponsored a two-day MoodleMoot NE conference open to educators throughout the world. The keynote speaker was Martin Dougiamas, the creator of Moodle. Plans are underway for another MoodleMoot NE conference at GDA for June 26 - 28. Dougiamas will be returning to campus for the event.

Mandel and Chase are clearly assuming leadership roles in the use of Moodle on the Academy's campus as well as throughout the academic world. "As educators, we think it's important to connect with students using the technology that's part of their daily lives," says Chase. "Moodle encourages a shift toward constructivist learning pedagogy. For our students who will be operating in the global society, learning and working will take place while collaborating and learning over vast networks."

GDA Artists Among the Prized

Seven GDA students recently joined the ranks of award-winning artists, earning recognition in the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards. Now in its 54th year, the Globe's annual program recognizes outstanding achievement among young Massachusetts artists in grades 7 through 12.

This year's GDA winners are Sean Cho '06 who received a Gold Key for his photography portfolio; Cory Fischer '06 and Sean Murphy '06 who each received a Gold Key for their ceramics portfolios; Ian Henneberger '07 who received a Silver Key for his digital photo; Jern Sirivatanaaksorn '07 who received a Silver Key for her painting; Anna Smith '08 who received a Gold Key for her ceramics; and Tucker Walsh '08 who received an Honorable Mention for his digital photo.

The work of Gold Key winners with portfolio entries was submitted into the next round of judging in New York City.

Silver Key and Gold Key winning works were on exhibit at the State Transportation Building in Boston during January and February.

The awards presentation took place on February 5 in Boston. Congratulations to our fine artists!



Vipavee Sirivatanaaksorn '07



from top to bottom:
Cory Fischer '06,
Anna Smith '08, Sean Murphy '06

Oxton to Teach Summer Workshop



David Oxton, a professional photographer and a faculty member at GDA, was recently chosen to teach a course entitled "Young Digital Color Photographers" at Maine Photographic Workshops in Rockport, Maine. The two-week workshop, from June 18 to July 1, is designed for talented teenage photographers who want to delve deeply into digital photography. The course is a thorough investigation of digital cameras, including file management, Photoshop, printing options, image editing, enhance-

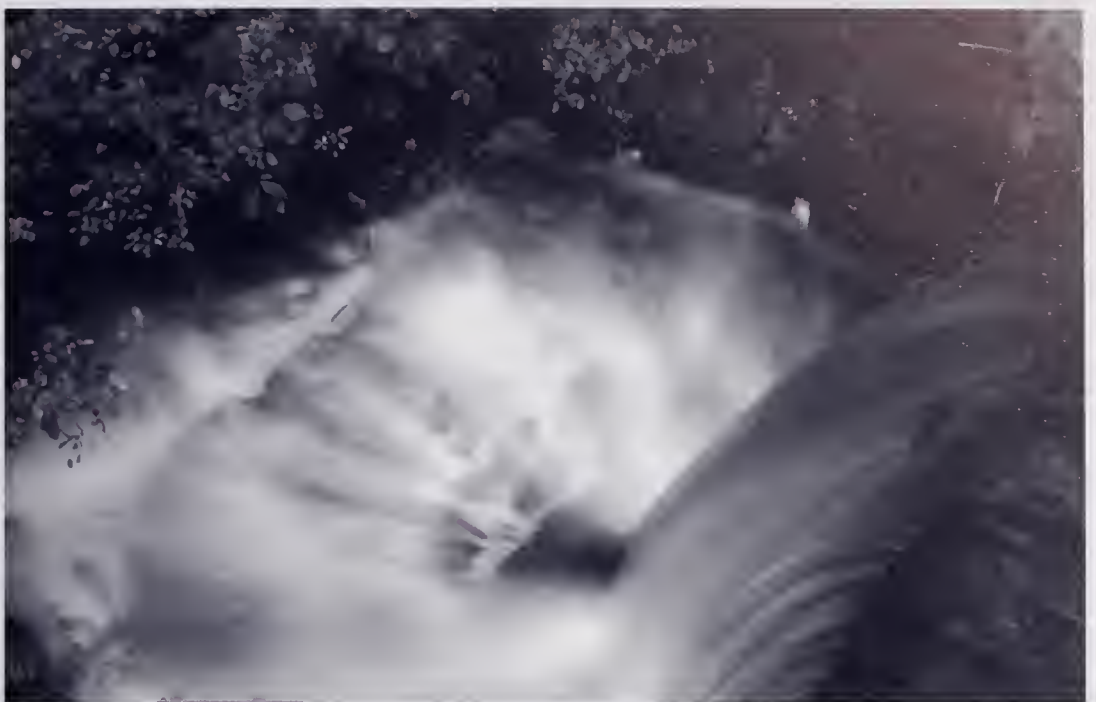
ment and manipulation.

Oxton has taught photography and film at GDA for the past 14 years. Before he began teaching, he was a successful commercial and editorial photographer in the Boston area. His images have appeared in a wide variety of publications for corporations and colleges in the New England area, as well as in national publications such as Newsweek magazine. For the past five years, Mr. Oxton has been working on a personal art project that has resulted in a collection of over 500 portraits of strangers on the street.

Twenty-four of Mr. Oxton's street photographs were on exhibit during the winter at Caffè di Sienna in Newburyport.



Sean Cho '06



Ian Henneberger '07



Tucker Walsh '08



Lights, Camera, Food

"Lights, Camera, Food" was this winter's answer to dinner and a movie at Governor Dummer Academy. What began as a casual conversation between photography teacher David Oxton and English teacher Maud Smith Hamovit about the beauty of movies which feature the cooking and eating of food has turned into what campus gourmants and film buffs hope will become an annual feature of the GDA calendar. Director of Food Services David Alonzi worked with his staff to plan menus and room decor to accompany five films screened in the new wing of the dining hall during the dinner hour. This year's films included *Chocolat* (featuring a chocolate fountain and a spread of luscious chocolate desserts); *Big Night* (Italian food); *Eat, Drink, Man, Woman* (in celebration of the Chinese New Year); *Babette's Feast* (French cuisine); and *Mostly Martha* (German food). Movie-goers were free to come and go between watching the featured film and sampling the fantastic food arrayed in the Jacobs Dining Hall. Stay tuned for the schedule for next year's "Lights, Camera, Food." Parents and alumni are always welcome to attend!



Douglass Declaimers Deliver

Juniors participated in GDA's eighth annual Frederick Douglass Declamation Contest. After reading *The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* students then memorized and recited a passage by Douglass. The finalists contested on January 13.

This year's winners were Carlos Apostle of Andover, Massachusetts; Allan Bradley of Byfield, Massachusetts; and Angelo Scippa of Middleton, Massachusetts.

Finalists were Allison Barnaby of Hampton, New Hampshire; Suh-Young Chung of Daegu, Korea; Ana S. Almeyda Cohen of Bronx, New York; Jenna Glendye of Methuen, Massachusetts; Janay Walsh of North Andover, Massachusetts; and Eric Ward of Haverhill, Massachusetts.

Winners recited their declamations at the Martin Luther King Day convocation on January 16, 2006 in the Performing Arts Center on campus.

To Be...or Not to Be



Junior Allan Bradley, after being chosen by audition to represent

GDA at the semi-finals of the English-Speaking Union's 23rd Annual Teen Shakespeare Competition, was named one of ten finalists for a competition on February 5 at Emerson College. Allan performed well at the finals, although he was not chosen to proceed to the national competition in April in New York City. Still, his stellar performance earned him the attention of the Boston Globe which featured him in two stories about the Shakespeare competition, photos and all!

Quilts Tell Stories of African American Experience



Quilts created by "Sisters in Stitches, Joined by the Cloth" were on display in January in The Youngman Gallery of the Kaiser Art Center at GDA as part of the school's celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The exhibition featured contemporary quilts stitched by members of the only African-American quilting guild in New England. The 38 members have worked together for nine years, incorporating their heritage into quilt making. They meet monthly to share ideas and techniques in their efforts to focus on the African American women's perspective in the United States. GDA's Associate Director of Communications Christle Rawlins-Jackson is a member of the group.

At a school convocation to honor MLK on Monday, January 16, SISJBTC President Susi Ryan discussed the history of African American quilting and its evolution through the centuries up to the Civil Rights Movement and the present.

According to the website of Sisters in Stitches, the textile traditions of African peoples are less thoroughly documented than other aspects of folk

art such as music, dance, or speech. What is known, however, can be traced back to the prominent influences of four civilizations of Central and West Africa: the Mande-speaking peoples (in the modern countries of Guinea, Mali, Senegal, and Burkina Faso); the Yoruba and Fon peoples (in the Republic of Benin and Nigeria); the Ejagham peoples (in Nigeria and Cameroon); and the Kongo peoples (in Zaire and Angola). While the people of these regions were traded as slaves, their textiles were also traded heavily throughout the Caribbean, Central America, and the Southern United States. Thus, the traditions of each distinct region became intermixed. By the time that early African American quilting became a tradition in and of itself, it was already a combination of textile traditions. Today, the Sisters in Stitches aim to celebrate the heritage of quilting and to reinforce the link that binds them together in their collective history, and to keep alive a tradition of women coming together to share their joys and sorrows through the creation of quilts.

Student Papers Win Accolades



Senior Charles Grant of Boxford was recently published in The Concord Review, a quarterly review of essays by high school students of history. Charlie's paper, prepared for his Advanced

Placement U.S. History class last year and entitled "Belligerent Brahmins: The Extraordinary Friendship of Henry Cabot Lodge and Theodore Roosevelt," examines how Teddy Roosevelt relied on the political acumen of Henry Cabot Lodge and his own charisma to advance an expansionist agenda desired by both men.

The Concord Review, founded in 1987, is the only publication in the world of history scholarship by high school students. Since 1987, the journal has received submissions from more than 7,000 students across

the United States and English-language schools around the world. It has published about 700 papers altogether. Ten or 11 papers are selected for publication in each issue, or 40-45 per year.

Charlie is the third GDA student to be published by The Concord Review in the last six years. Sarah Willeman '99 and Marienna Murch '02 also had their works in the publication.

Charlie will attend Dartmouth College. *Excerpts from Charlie's paper appear on page 14.*

Senior Mackenzie Pelletier recently won the annual Cum Laude Society Prize (\$500) for the single best scholarship produced by students at the 75 public and private schools in the northeast district of the Cum Laude Society. Mackenzie's research paper, prepared for A.P. U.S. History last year, examines "The Many Interpretations



of Mary Rowlandson's Indian Captivity Narrative."

Schools with Cum Laude chapters are invited to submit one paper representing the epitome of scholarly achievement in the

school that year. The prize is awarded by a panel of judges who read the papers blindly, not knowing the author or the school.

In its notification to GDA that Mackenzie had won, the Cum Laude Society president expressed admiration that a GDA student had won again this year. Tim Lang '05 won the award for his research paper on the Albany Plan of Union.

Excerpts from Mackenzie's paper appear on page 16.



Honoring our Founder...

To celebrate Founder's Day on Wednesday, March 1, His Majesty's Tenth Regiment of Foot, a Revolutionary War re-enactment group with several local members, marched to the Performing Arts Center at 7:45 a.m. where Governor Dummer (in the personage of faculty member Joe Repczynski) reviewed the troops and read his will. The entire audience then exited PAC and marched to the original Little Red Schoolhouse where a wreath was placed in honor of William Dummer and the troops shot their muskets in salute to the school's founder, Lt. Governor William Dummer. Dummer served as acting governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony for several years in the 18th century and his will called for the establishment of the Academy in 1763. Alumnus Scott Williams '74 of North Hampton, NH, arranged for the re-enactment group to appear; his 10-year-old son, Nathaniel, is the drum and fife player for the group.



Sean Murphy '06, Dan'l Doggett '07, Obenewaa Boakye '07, Danielle Dillihunt '07, Cassandra Cruz '07, Zach Richards '06

Soup's On

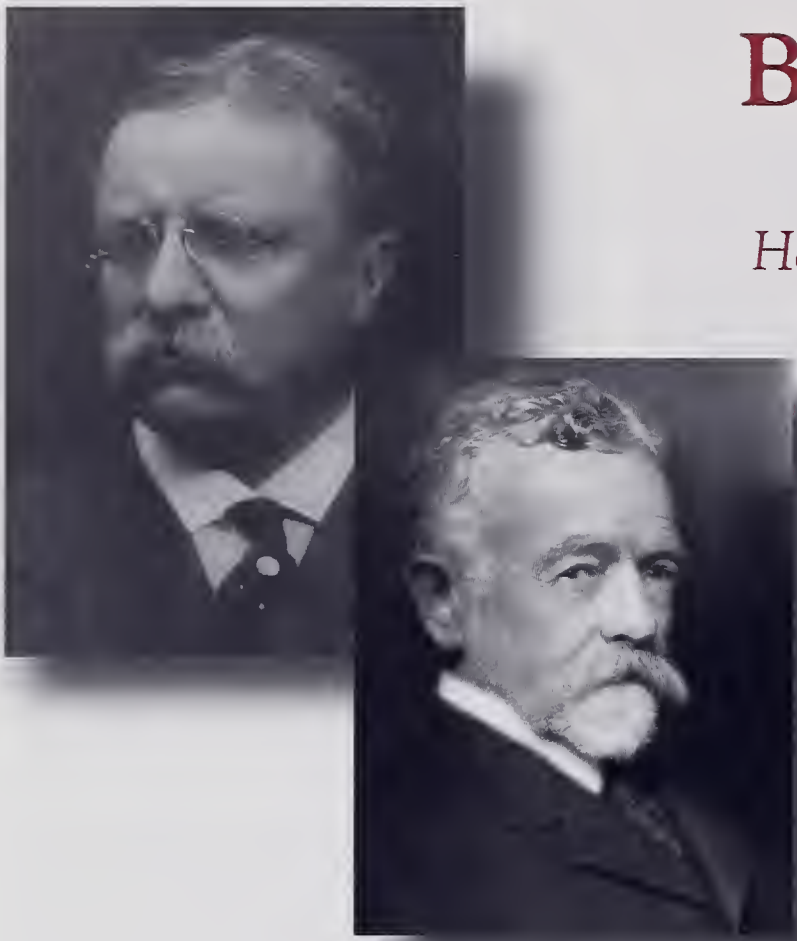
Students and faculty created more than 200 ceramic bowls for this year's Soup's On, a fundraiser for the Cape Ann Food Pantry. Bowls sold on Parents Weekend for \$10 apiece with gourmet soup prepared by the dining staff included with each purchase. A total of \$2,340 was raised. Seniors Zach Richards and Sean Murphy served as co-chairs.

Commencement News...

Massachusetts Middlesex County District Attorney Martha Coakley will be this year's commencement speaker, Headmaster Marty Doggett announced just as The Archon went to press.

Belligerent Brahmins:

*The extraordinary friendship of
Henry Cabot Lodge and Theodore Roosevelt*



by Charles Grant '06

The following is abridged from the paper written by Charles Grant '06 for his Advanced Placement U.S. History class and recently published in The Concord Review. Charlie will attend Dartmouth College.

After enjoying almost twenty years of unchallenged dominance in the post Civil War federal government, the party of Lincoln was on the verge of collapse. The Republican National Convention of 1884 was split between members of the so-called Old Guard and the newer constituents of the party, such as the interests of business, urbanites, and machine politicians. Caught in the middle of this political firestorm were two younger Republicans whose heritage and beliefs placed them among the ranks of the Old Guard. The elder of the two at age 34 came from an old Boston family whose commercial shipping ventures and historic influence on politics had made them an established name in their home state of Massachusetts. His name was Henry Cabot Lodge. The other, age 26, came from equally established wealth in New York, the son of a reform-minded millionaire. His name was Theodore Roosevelt.

Roosevelt and Lodge had met prior to 1884, but it was their collaboration at the convention that year that put them in close quarters with each other, exposed common character traits, and forced them to work together for the first time. Roosevelt later wrote to his sister, Anna, dramatically describing this experience.

"About all the work in the convention that was done against [Blaine] was done by Cabot Lodge and myself...We achieved victory in getting up a combination to beat the Blaine nominee for temporary chairman...To do this needed a mixture of skill, boldness and energy, and we were up all night in arranging our forces so as to get the different factions to come together in to line together to defeat the common foe."

Although disappointed by James G. Blaine's nomination, party loyalty was the most important cause for Lodge and Roosevelt, and both threw their support behind Blaine out of political shrewdness, if only reluctantly. More important than political strategy, however, was the high hopes for the future of their party that these two loyal dissenters held. As a result of their collaboration at the convention, both men became convinced that they could change their party and their country for the better. Over the next 15 years, Lodge and Roosevelt would manage to hoist each other up into influential positions in the executive and legislative branches of the national government. Then, when the time was right, they set the stage for a major conflict with a foreign nation and facilitated America's drift towards war and becoming a world power. This was the common thread of Lodge and Roosevelt's individual visions of America's future: An elevation of the United States to international greatness.

Freshman Senator

After their fateful meeting at the 1884 convention, Roosevelt and Lodge parted ways for a while, but remained in close contact. For the most part, Roosevelt dropped below the radar, occupying various low local civil service positions while remaining active within the Republican Party. Lodge, on the other hand, was much more visible. As a freshman in Congress, Lodge familiarized himself with the rituals of party politics (such as finding loyal supporters jobs). Henry Adams, Lodge's mentor and lifelong friend, was also living in Washington at that time, and held frequent dinner and breakfast parties, which were attended by Washington's social elite. There, Lodge and his wife Nanny met such influential figures as British Ambassador Cecil Spring Rice, future Secretary of State John Hay, naval historian Alfred Thayer Mahan, and speaker of the house Tom Reed.

When he entered the Congress in 1886, Lodge immediately began promoting a more aggressive, "large" foreign policy, arguing in favor of such issues as Hawaiian annexation, strengthening of the Navy, and taking a firm stand on the Monroe Doctrine. Through

these strong positions, Lodge began to attract the attention of many influential figures and play small parts in issues of foreign relations. In 1894, Lodge was finally elected to the U.S. Senate, a position he would remain in for well over 20 years. Early in 1895, Lodge began a series of speeches calling for the expansion of United States influence in the world. In particular, he led a campaign within Congress to annex the Hawaiian islands, which were at the time under the control of an insurrection led by American property holders against Queen Liliuokalani. In an address to Congress, Lodge pointed out the islands' potential as the last unoccupied foothold for an industrialized nation in the Pacific, soon to be swallowed up by Great Britain or Japan. Stressing the importance of sea power and a strong Navy to the well being of the nation, Lodge went on to recite the doctrine of Alfred Thayer Mahan, author of the famous text *The Influence of Sea Power Upon History*. "It is the sea power which is essential to the greatness of every splendid people" he declared. "We are a great people; we control this hemisphere; we have too great an inheritance to be trifled with or parted with. It is ours to guard and extend." Lodge argued that a strong navy would be needed to contest not only England, but emerging nations such as Germany and Japan. "We have spent enough money building ugly public buildings alone, to fit out the greatest navy in the world," he stated.

Having played a role in several diplomatic crises, Lodge had clearly begun to exert authority in U.S. foreign affairs. More importantly, however, Lodge was utilizing his role as a public figure to express the expansionist and nationalist sentiments he would champion for the rest of his political career. By forcing a strong stance on international conflicts such as the Anglo-Venezuelan boundary dispute, Lodge had helped to put Americans into a warlike state of mind for the first time since the Civil War. The prospect of a war with a foreign enemy such as Great Britain brought the focus of Americans everywhere away from the aftermath of the Civil War once and for all, and turned their attention outwards towards the seas.

In order to bring about action, however, Lodge would need more than simply the support of a few United States senators. In order for the United States to assert its authority and begin taking steps toward international

influence, Lodge needed the help of the Navy, and in particular he would need an ally.

In the Navy: Roosevelt's Turn

After being re-elected in 1888, Lodge began to put pressure on the new Republican president, Benjamin Harrison, to give his friend Theodore Roosevelt a job. Finally, with the help of Speaker of the House Tom Reed, Lodge was able to land Roosevelt a job as Civil Service Commissioner. In 1895, Roosevelt moved back to New York as Police Commissioner, but not before Lodge had broken him into the same Washington social circles that he had entered as a new Congressman. Eleven years later, in 1896, the Republican William McKinley was elected to the Presidency. Lodge in turn was one of the most distinguished guests at McKinley's, house in Canton, Ohio, from which McKinley conducted most of his campaigning. While staying in Canton, Lodge later wrote Roosevelt, he mentioned to McKinley, "I have no right to ask a personal favor of you, but I do ask for Roosevelt as the one personal favor." In this brief exchange, Lodge refers to the appointment of Theodore Roosevelt to Assistant Secretary of the Navy. McKinley agreed, and Roosevelt reported for duty in Washington on April 19, 1897.

Roosevelt was received by John D. Long, an aging ex-governor of Massachusetts whose political friendship with McKinley had landed him the job of Secretary of the Navy. Long, like McKinley and Secretary of State Blaine before him, had been wary of Roosevelt's energetic and aggressive character; however, he was glad to have an assistant of such competence as Roosevelt. With characteristic indifference, Long casually observed early in 1897 that Roosevelt would "dominate the department within six months."

Long's prediction was, to some degree, correct. One of Roosevelt's first public actions as Assistant Secretary of the Navy was a visit to the Naval War College on June 2, 1897, the highlight of which was a now-immortalized speech in which Roosevelt glorified "the supreme triumphs of war." The word "war," as historian Warren Zimmerman later pointed out, was in fact repeated an amazing sixty-two times over the course of a roughly sixty minute address. This speech was delivered at a time when the administration in power was publicly trying to avoid war with Spain, despite popular sentiment.

Instead of playing the part of a typical subordinate, Roosevelt did not parrot administration policy; rather, he was beginning to push the administration's policy in the direction of his own inclinations. By taking an overtly pro-war stand, Roosevelt took the risk of being fired. However, at the same time he was appealing to the masses, gathering the support of the American people such that to fire him would be a bold and unpopular statement by the McKinley administration.

In August, Roosevelt was finally reprimanded by Secretary Long for speaking for the Navy Department out of turn. Long, however, then departed on vacation to Bar Harbor, Maine, leaving Roosevelt in charge of the department for an entire month. The decision to leave Roosevelt in charge so soon after his act of insubordination either reflects Long's poor judgment or his frustration and overall indifference to the fate of the Navy department. In any case, the absence of his levelheaded superior provided Roosevelt with the chance to begin preparing for war.

Roosevelt began by drawing up plans for the Navy, mapping out strategies heavily influenced by Mahan, and, most importantly, ingratiating himself with the President and pressing his plans for war upon him. September 14, 1897 was a fateful date. The two men went for a carriage drive around Washington that night, on the President's invitation, and over the course of the evening Roosevelt outlined his plans and expressed his concern for the nation's level of preparedness. It is difficult to say whether or not McKinley truly approved of Roosevelt's warlike fervor; however, the advantage of historical perspective allows the modern reader to draw the conclusion that because he did not use his presidential authority to stop him, McKinley must have approved of Roosevelt's aggressive plans to some degree, if for no other reason than their clear foresight.

Emboldened, Roosevelt began making arrangements for the first part of his plan: The Philippines. Most of the Pacific fleet of the Spanish Navy was anchored at Manila, and as a result could be easily located in the occasion of war. Roosevelt decided that this would be the best place to strike first and he selected George Dewey, an enthusiastic expansionist, as an ally in this region of the world. With Secretary Long still away on vacation, Roosevelt enlisted the help of Senator Redfield Proctor, who both hailed

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The Many Interpretations of Mary Rowlandson's Captivity Narrative

By Mackenzie Pelletier '06

The following is abridged and adapted from a paper written by Mackenzie Pelletier '06 for her Advanced Placement U.S. History class and recently named the New England district winner in the national Cum Laude Society 2005 Paper Competition. Mackenzie will attend Hamilton College in fall 2006.

On February 10, 1676, a tribe of Nipmuck Indians captured Mary White Rowlandson, attacking her isolated home in Lancaster, Massachusetts. Before she knew what was happening, everything that had once been familiar disappeared, and she began her 11-week residence with the Indians. In 1682, six years after her release from captivity, a published account of Rowlandson's captivity narrative became a sensation in the American colonies and England. Entitled *The Sovereignty and Goodness of God in the colonies and A True History of the Captivity and Restoration of Mrs. Mary Rowlandson in England*, the narrative sold over one thousand copies in the first year of its publication, a truly incredible achievement for a woman writer in that era. With the purpose of writing to put the past behind her, Rowlandson unwittingly created "a foundational work in American literature." From its first publication to the present, historians have subjected Rowlandson's narrative to close scrutiny, seeking to understand what her experience of captivity was like, what effect it had on Rowlandson, and why there was such a fascination in Britain and British America with the story that she told.

Born in 1636 in England, Mary White Rowlandson immigrated to the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1653 with her parents, who sought a better life in the British colonies. In 1654, she married her

first husband, Joseph Rowlandson, who became the Puritan minister of Lancaster, a position that guaranteed his family and him a high place in society. Together, they had four children, three of whom survived infancy.

After her capture, Rowlandson traveled with the Nipmuck Indians for 11 weeks throughout western Massachusetts, never settling for too long in one spot. During her captivity, Rowlandson was a servant to two Indians, Quinnapin and his wife Weetamoo, and proved useful to them with her skill at sewing and knitting.

Rowlandson's captivity narrative proved popular for many reasons. On one level, it was an exciting adventure story. Readers were captivated by her experience, riveted by her 11-week journey through the wilderness. As the author of the first Indian captivity narrative, Rowlandson single-handedly started an entirely new craze in American literature. People were quick to emulate her, and by the mid-18th century, hundreds of Indian captivity narratives had been published.

Another aspect of the narrative's popularity was the way in which Rowlandson described certain events. Rowlandson's eloquence when expressing her feelings in discouraging situations triggered emotions from even the most dispassionate reader. An example of one of those remarkable scenes is when her daughter Sarah died after just one

week in captivity, and Rowlandson was hesitant to leave her behind: "I must and could lye down by my dead Babe, side by side, all the night after." As David Greene said in his article "New Light on Mary Rowlandson," "her unwillingness to leave her child's body is one of the most moving passages in colonial literature." These descriptions stirred intense feelings in her readers, who realized that what they were reading was real. As a result, they respected Rowlandson for her honesty, and her narrative became the most popular Indian captivity narrative in history.

In the years following its first publication, Puritan ministers viewed *The Sovereignty and Goodness of God* as a way to spread their beliefs, gaining immense support for the Puritan religion. These ministers generated the traditional view of Rowlandson's narrative, claiming that Rowlandson was a devout Puritan and was saved from the savage Indians only because of her unrelenting faith in God. They also saw her narrative as a way to justify the seizing of Indian land, killing Indians in wars, and, more importantly, proving once and for all that the Indians were, in fact, savage. The traditionalist view, which explained Rowlandson's deliverance from captivity by heathen savages as a sign of the redemptive power of Puritan faith, lasted for approximately 200 years.

Another view of *The Sovereignty and Goodness of God* did not arise until the mid-20th century, when researchers of the narra-



tive began to recognize that the ministers' beliefs had been propagandistic and flawed. This revisionist view critiqued the traditional view, arguing that 17th-century ministers had misinterpreted Rowlandson's narrative for their own purposes. Not only did revisionists claim that the religious aspects of the narrative had been blown way out of proportion, but also that the Nipmuck Indians were not as savage as the ministers portrayed them.

Central to the revisionists' thinking was the belief that the Indians never mistreated Rowlandson, and that after 11 weeks she actually became quite friendly with them. Frederick Drimmer wrote one of the first critiques of the traditional view in 1961. His book pointed out Rowlandson's explicit denial of any sexual mistreatment by the Nipmucks: "Not one of them ever offered the least abuse of unchastity to me in word or action." Since her narrative unquestionably affirmed that she suffered no abuse, the revisionists condemned the traditionalists for creating lies about the purpose of *The Sovereignty and Goodness of God* to promote their own religious interests.

Revisionists recognized how the traditional view manipulated Rowlandson's narrative to rationalize white settlement on Indian land. As Drimmer stated in his book:

"When serious trouble erupted between the white man and the Indian, its cause could usually be summed up in a single word: Land." Revisionists criticized traditionalists for using religion to justify westward expansion, and realized the suffering that the Indians underwent as a result. Another revisionist view involved the benefits that Rowlandson provided for the Nipmucks. Rowlandson proved immensely useful to her captors by knitting clothes for them, and since so few Indians knew how to knit, they respected Rowlandson for her seemingly strange talent. Rowlandson traded knitted items for extra food, money, and tools, some of which she offered Quinnapin and Weetamoo, earning their favor. This view strongly challenged the ministers' belief that Rowlandson lived in constant fear of the Indians, and that the Indians mistreated and degraded her. Also, it created the image that Rowlandson was strong, courageous, and able to survive in the wilderness on her own wits.

Due to her bravery and optimism during captivity, Rowlandson was labeled as an early feminist heroine by many revisionists, including Deborah Dietrich, Lisa Logan, and Neal Salisbury. In a 1995 journal article, Dietrich contended that Rowlandson "does not return to her position as the silent min-

ister's wife." During her 11-week residence with the Nipmucks, Rowlandson had taken on new responsibilities, ones that were not expected of a proper Puritan housewife. Captivity transformed Rowlandson into a self-supporting feminist, the revisionist writers claimed, and as a result she risked being ostracized by the Puritan community.

As Logan pointed out in her 1993 article "Mary Rowlandson's" Captivity and the 'place' of the Woman Subject," women were discouraged to write in the 17th century simply because it was not their place. Women were assumed to be inferior to men, and were therefore deemed incapable of writing coherently. Rowlandson, however, proved those critics wrong when she published her incredibly successful narrative, and opened the door for other women to follow in her footsteps. In an article published in 2000, Neal Salisbury asserted that Rowlandson "transcended some of the limits imposed on New England white women's participation in public discourse and assumed a position of spiritual and political authority."

In addition to claiming that Rowlandson was an early feminist, revisionists insisted that she appreciated the Indian way of life and treated the Nipmucks with respect. Revisionists averred that, as time

went by, Rowlandson began to see her captors as people, and not merely as beasts of the wilderness. Jules Zanger argued in a 1995 journal article that Puritan ministers failed to recognize the kind, gentle ways with which Indians treated each other. Why would evil people “carry their old mothers and the ill on their backs to safety,” Zanger asked. Ministers disregarded this compassionate side of the Indians’ nature and culture, and used only what would best support their case, revisionists claimed, even if it meant distorting Rowlandson’s account of her experience. They refused to acknowledge that the Indians treated Rowlandson kindly, and instead only focused on the negative aspects of her captivity, leading to a serious misunderstanding of her narrative.

Perhaps the most controversial argument of the revisionist view was that Rowlandson did not actually write *The Sovereignty and Goodness of God*. Many revisionists, including Kathryn Derounian, believed that she received help from her husband, before his death in 1678, and Increase Mather, both of whom were prominent Puritan leaders of the time. Derounian recognized a stylistic duality in Rowlandson’s writing which she contended must have resulted from the fact that *The Sovereignty and Goodness of God* was not entirely in her own words.

An example appears near the beginning of her narrative, when she refuses to smoke tobacco. “For though I had formerly used Tobacco...I had left it ever since I was first taken. *It seems to be a Bait the Devil layes to make men lose their precious time.*” In the first sentence, Rowlandson simply objected to smoking tobacco, even though she usually smoked it in the past. The second sentence, in italics, suggests to revisionists that Rowlandson might not have written her narrative entirely by herself. This type of duality appears in numerous places in her narrative.

Recently, a post-revisionist third view on *The Sovereignty and Goodness of God* has appeared, making assertions that are not as extreme as those made by the traditionalists or revisionists. According to this viewpoint, Rowlandson wrote her narrative entirely unaided, and used italicized theological language to validate her narrative in the hearts and minds of her Puritan readers.

Post-revisionists also analyzed how the issue of abuse could be blown out of proportion so radically. Derounian offered the explanation that literacy rates were extremely low in the 17th and 18th centuries. At the time of the narrative’s publication, only 50 percent of men and 25 percent of women could read. Therefore, most people relied upon the literate members of society to explain the story to them, and were willing to accept that Rowlandson was raped. Coincidentally, the literate constituents consisted of ministers and other high-ranking officials, all of whom desired to advocate their own personal interests even if it meant lying and manipulating Rowlandson’s narrative. Derounian recognized both the gullibility of 17-century readers and the exploitations that ministers made, even when the narrative provided unmistakable proof that she was, in fact, not at all harmed during her 11-week captivity.

Another post-revisionist view asserted that Rowlandson was not the brave fighter that the revisionists had portrayed her to be, but instead an ordinary Puritan housewife. Historian Melvin Thorne, in his article entitled “Fainters and Fighters: Images of Women in the Indian Captivity Narratives,” classified Rowlandson as a “fainter” who was weak-willed and cowardly. He asserted that in persuading another captive, a pregnant woman, to rest where she was, instead of attempting to escape, Rowlandson actually contributed to the woman’s death. He speculated that if the woman had tried to escape, in accordance with her original intentions, she would have had a better chance of survival. Thorne argued that since Rowlandson was “willing to wait” to be released, she was feeble and timid in her relations with the Nipmucks.

Since its initial publication, Rowlandson’s narrative has undergone serious scrutiny from ministers and historians alike, all offering their own views on the writer’s character, the legitimacy of her experience, and the extent to which she has been misunderstood. When Mary Rowlandson was abducted from her small Lancaster home in 1676, she had no idea of the impact that her story would have on American history. ❧

from Dewey’s home state of Vermont and was a close friend of the President, to get Dewey appointed as the commander of the Asiatic Squadron.

Within six months, Theodore Roosevelt managed to bypass his superior in the Navy department and amass behind himself the support of the pro-war American public, the unofficial support of the President McKinley, and the gratitude of the chief commander of the Asiatic squadron of the Navy. These forces, when added to the coalition of Senators (headed by none other than Senator Henry Cabot Lodge) who were in favor of expansion and war with Spain, formed a powerful bloc of influence in Washington, the reach of which was about to be seen by the world.

Conclusion

The Spanish-American war would virtually overnight transform America into a world power, a force to be reckoned with in the arena of international affairs. This would be Lodge’s and Roosevelt’s contribution to the shaping of modern America: Bringing an isolationist, introspective society out of a century dominated by its focus on domestic issues and bloody past, and into a new century in which it would play an aggressive, far-reaching role in world issues. Both men would remain active in American and world politics well into the early twentieth century, one ranking as a veteran Republican Senator and the other no less than President of the United States.

With common interests in the future glory of the American republic, Henry Cabot Lodge and Theodore Roosevelt represented a truly dynamic duo. Lodge represented the ability and the interest in international affairs to provide bureaucratic leadership, steering the country through the stormy seas of domestic politics and into a more active international position of power. Roosevelt, on the other hand, represented the action and effectiveness that would later complement the theory and facilitation provided by Lodge. By working together, Lodge and Roosevelt successfully pulled the country out of its post-Civil War isolationism and lead the charge into what would be known in years to come as the American Century. ❧

Making GDA a Family Affair

*The children of 21 alumni are currently students at the Academy. We decided to ask a few of them their thoughts and feelings about being a parent and an alumnus. Any other alumni who would like to share their perspectives are invited to write to the editor, jklein@gda.org. We'll be happy to share their thoughts in an upcoming issue of *The Archon*.*



Allison McElroy Quinttus '77, Pleasantville, NY, mother of Sarah Quinttus '08:

"Why boarding school? My daughter Sarah attended an outstanding public school in Westchester, New York for seven years, and then spent two years at a private Catholic school. She had wonderfully successful experiences at both, but she was looking for something different. During the high school selection process, I did not encourage or discourage her decision making process. I simply asked her to be very thoughtful, to try to best identify those aspects of academic and social concern that were important to her. She had heard many stories from my GDA days, as well as those of my siblings ('74, '76), had visited campus occasionally for alumni events, and was exposed to the wonderful friendships my siblings and I have maintained over the years from our time at GDA.

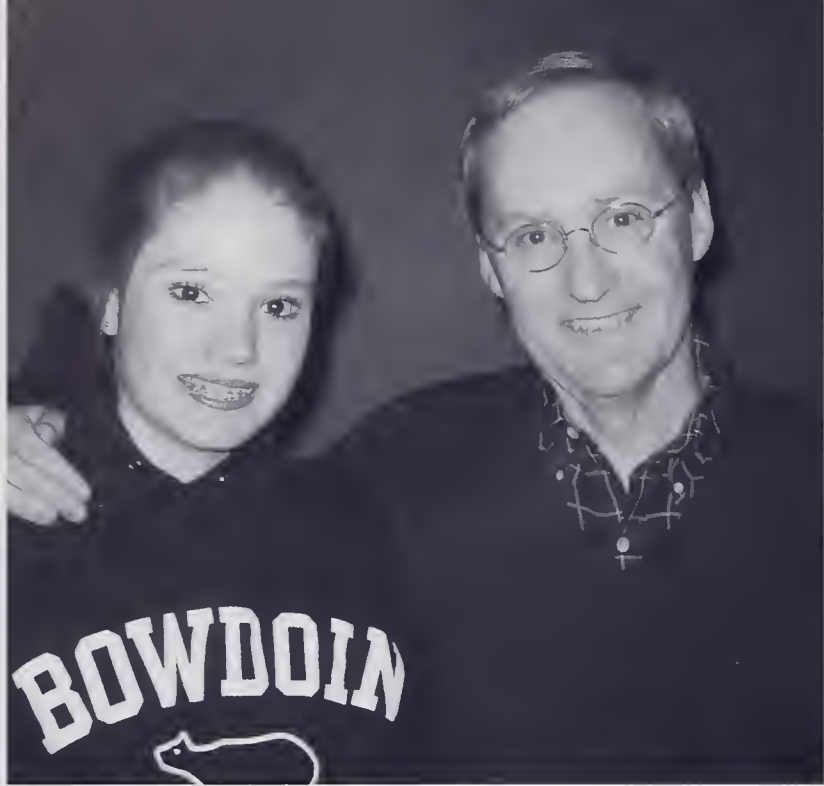
Sarah was looking for a real solid community for her high school experience. The GDA students and faculty exuded that sense of community even at her first visit. It was astounding that several faculty were still teaching at GDA from when I was a student and came to greet both of us in the Cobb Room when we visited the school. It was fun for Sarah to listen as we reminisced and to hear them inquire about all of the members of my family and my friends from GDA.

As we toured the campus, it did not feel at all like 28 years had passed since I graduated. The buildings, campus and the feel were so familiar, but even better. The new Student Center, the expanded athletics facility, the new library and the math and science center, Nannie B., all blended in with the school grounds beautifully. They had updated the school without detracting from the character of the school which was important to me as a student.

Some of my favorite memories at the school were in the dining hall. As a day student, I probably spent more time on campus than many boarders. At that time, there was a clear sense of separation between day and boarding students, but I was determined to be included in the boarding side of that equation. I am thrilled that the day students are now incorporated into the boarding life at GDA. Our student center at that time was the adjunct room off the dining hall, the Cobb Room, or the Noyes smoking building. This past fall, as I visited Sarah's teachers for conferences, I could not find her math teacher. He was in the Noyes building. When I finally found it, after having missed my appointment, I thought, if only someone had told me it was the old smoking building, I would have known exactly where to go!

I took full advantage of every extra curricular activity that was available to me, whether it was athletics, drama, Red Key, photography, community service, yearbook. Now I encourage Sarah to get involved in whatever interests her. It is all available at GDA, I tell her, and every faculty member is passionate in his or her field of study. That presents wonderful learning and exposure opportunities that may not occur in college or even later.

Early in Sarah's freshman year, she would describe how much she liked GDA, how amazing it was to her that everyone was so friendly and that no one would even think of walking past someone without saying hello. As simple as it all may sound, I knew exactly what she was feeling and was so happy for her."



"My daughter, Ellen, came to GDA as a sophomore. I want her to experience the community at the school. It is my view that GDA offers an environment that is oriented towards participation and community. It is a place where a young person can flourish and succeed, can learn and form wonderful friendships. Those friendships for me were great...stronger even than my college relationships.

When I see Ellen on campus, all my memories come flooding back to me. Sure, a lot has changed. Frost isn't the library anymore, but I remember what it's like to walk through it. The gym is the same. Walking into Phillips, into the dining area, the sounds are the same. That really struck me. The sounds are the same. It didn't feel like I'd been gone. A guy like Mike Moonves adds continuity. I proctored for him. We have become good friends. We have a golf game every summer. His first year was my first year. The opportunity to have a relationship like that is what you can get from a place like GDA.

Although Ellen is away from home, what makes it worth it is that she's happy. She's made friends. I think the boarding school experience creates a level of independence and self-reliance in a person that will be something she can rely on in situations later in life. It breeds self-confidence. That's because of a lot of things – being away from home, being in a participatory environment, being in a community-oriented environment, being in an environment where you are asked to engage in activities that are aimed at people less fortunate than you. That all creates a pretty balanced experience.

Being able to accomplish stuff on your own away from your parents is the best thing for the child. It's harder on the parents than the child. I'm proud of Ellen to be at GDA!"





Paetai Maneepairoj '74, Bangkok, Thailand, father of Kanin '07 and Mintra Maneepairoj '08:

"I have always felt grateful to GDA for accepting me in 1973, even just for my senior year. I told myself countless times that it would have been much better if I would have applied three years earlier as a freshman. I am making my wish come true with my children.

I am glad to have two of my children at GDA now. Next fall my youngest will join his brother and sister on this same path. I love GDA because of its friendly and supportive community with excellent education. I still remember vividly how hard I struggled with my senior English class at that time. It was beyond my English ability. I was really happy to pass the class! My children will be in a better situation than I because they started as freshmen.

I would like them to be prepared for the world with a strong academic background as well as a sense of good citizenship. I strongly believe that GDA is the right place to get them ready for the world."

John Clayman '71, Beverly Farms, MA, father of Jack '07 and Annie '08:

"I find myself often overcome with emotion and memories from my years at GDA 1967-71. When I first arrived at GDA, I recall being in awe of my Moody House senior proctors Mark Tucker and Bert "Boom-Boom" Benjamin, both of whom were two-sport captains. They kept us freshmen in line and taught us to respect our elders! While school was at first a struggle, our dorm master Ash Eames offered encouragement that helped us to confidently approach our studies and activities.

During the next four years I watched myself and most of my classmates mature into young men. I say most because it was the turbulent sixties and, despite the best efforts of the faculty, some of my classmates fell through the cracks. The good news is that most eventually recovered to become leaders in various fields.

Upon my return to GDA, I wonder at the devoted faculty members that had such a positive influence on my life. Men like Bill Sperry, Heb Evans, Marshall Clunie, John Ogden, Buster Navins, and so many others. Above all, our Headmaster Val Wilkie was an amazing leader and I was gratified to have the opportunity to attend his 80th birthday celebration at GDA two years ago.

And yet, my connection to the past has been maintained with Dick Leavitt, Mike Moonves, and Dave Gosse still on campus.

Who will be the men and women at GDA who shape our children's lives? Now that Jack and Annie are a junior and a sophomore, respectively, it's reassuring that the next generation of extraordinary mentors are on campus.

Today's students enjoy the benefits of a much improved physical plant and yet GDA's campus still retains the same comfortable, friendly atmosphere. So much has changed: coeducation, no more jackets and ties for class, no mandatory Sunday chapel wearing dark banker's suits, and a more liberal weekend policy. Our children are refining their abilities to think and write analytically and they are developing a better appreciation for their opportunities now and in the future.

My closest friends remain those from GDA and I am grateful for the lifetime friendships that Jack and Annie are developing. But above all when I reflect on GDA, it is with pride for my accomplishments and growth after four years of hard work, pride in my school, and pride that our children are part of the GDA community."

Hold That

David Harris, former pilot and member of World War II's famed Flying Tigers, keeps GDA on his mind and in his heart.

By Rowann Gilman

Ask 88-year old David Harris, class of '36, what advice he has for today's GDA students and without missing a beat he'll tell you: "You can have a full life even if you're not a genius. My grades were average. I quit Amherst thinking I'd learn more working. I think I did. One of the things I learned is that we shouldn't do things just to impress people. Do them because they're right." That wisdom has served Harris well.

Right is clearly something Harris knows about. It was 1941 when one of retired U.S. Air Corps Major Claire Chenault's staff came knocking on the door of the apartment where Harris and eight of his 33rd Pursuit Squadron pals were rooming. Chenault was rounding up recruits for a newly formed AVG (American Volunteer Group) to help the Chinese government protect the Burma Road—the only ground route to China for food and military supplies—from Japanese attack. The group, about 100 pilots and twice as many ground crew, became known as The Flying Tigers. (One look at the sharp-toothed creatures painted on the aircrafts' fuselages tells why.) Flying rejected planes with no replacement parts available, this astonishing fighting group went on to score a mammoth victory over the Japanese with few losses.

"We were at Mitchell Field in New York," Harris remembers. "The job was to help the Chinese hold off the Japanese invasion while acting as employees of the Chinese army." As Chenault's staff explained, "We were to protect the Burma Road from Rangoon up into the hills and keep it open. It was the only supply line for imports to the Chinese, and the Japanese were after it. The problem was that as an American, working in another air force could cost you your citizenship. That's how it became a volunteer group. In order to get our passports, we were asked what we did before we got our visas. I put down that I had been a salesman. Another said he'd been an acrobat, and another a farmer. But most of us had been Navy and Marine pilots—we became a very cohesive group."

In 1940 and 1941, Harris flew the P-40 and this qualified him to fly the P-40Bs, the airplane with which the AVG was equipped. "They had me wait while the other recruits were trained and ready to transition to our planes. I was made Chenault's adjutant. In training the new pilots, unused to the P40Bs, too many accidents cut down our available 'ready' for combat. I became the liaison at Loi Wing, the Chinese aircraft factory right across the river from Burma, where our damaged planes were trucked to be repaired with scavenged parts."

By the end (the AVG was disbanded on July 4, 1942), the Flying Tigers lost about 24 out of 100 pilots and downed more than 200 Japanese planes, all with aircraft pieced together, with Harris's expertise, like patchwork quilts. It remains an impressive record achieved against almost impossible odds. In April, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt wrote of the AVG: "The outstanding gallantry and conspicuous daring that the American Volunteer Group combined with their unbelievable efficiency is a source of tremendous pride throughout the whole of America. The fact that they have labored under the shortages and difficulties is keenly appreciated..."

Harris is still in touch with the Flying Tigers. "We try to meet at least once a year," he says. "The last time was in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We came from all



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Tiger



over the country. The group has a small cash reserve. When we have enough money in the till, we get together. With all the families, we fill up a ballroom." One Tiger who doesn't return is Peter Atkinson, for whom Harris' son is named. Atkinson was always challenging himself, according to Harris, acting much the daredevil on occasion. "I think he felt inferior in some ways," Harris recalls with affection. "He had to prove to himself that he could keep up with anybody. One day we heard that someone had dived a P-40 at 500 miles an hour. I thought it was a challenge for him. He wanted to see if he could beat that. We all heard the explosion. The plane came apart and killed him. He was a great guy. He always wanted to do for other people. I named my eldest son after him. He's a good guy too."

When Harris returned to the States, he went to work as a production/test pilot for Republic and then went on to become an experimental pilot for Grumman. His job was to test the modifications made to improve the F8F "Bearcat," the newest Grumman fighter. "It involved testing the airplane's performance and evaluating its modifications. Sometimes the tests were to note the performance before a modification and weigh whatever 'improvements' we could make. It was important to put the planes at the edge of their limits. It was these tests that produced the results and allowed us to weigh the necessary and sensible solutions."

These days, Harris is retired from the family flour milling business, but remains an investor in a restoration company that custom paints and refurbishes private executive planes. He's proud that the company employs several dozen immigrant workers who send most of their paychecks home to relatives in South America. "We affect almost 50 lives and that's nice thing to do," he says modestly. In 1997, he completed the construction of a four-person canard airplane which he sold last year. And, at 88, although he's stopped sailing and let his pilot's license expire, he plans to renew the license and become airborne again once his eyes recover from cataract surgery. "I'd like to be flying again," he says, "but I need to be sensible about it."

What of his lasting memories of the Academy? "It was a wonderful place," he says. "I remember especially Tom Mercer, such a wonderful teacher. He was one of the highlights of the

school." Harris still remembers Shakespeare's Sonnet #29 which he memorized in Mercer's class. He says the words still help him when he's down.

When, in disgrace with Fortune and men's eyes,
I all alone beweep my outcast state,
And trouble deaf heaven with my bootless cries,
And look upon myself, and curse my fate
Wishing me like to one more rich in hope,
Featured like him, like him with friends possessed,
Desiring this man's art, and that man's scope,
With what I most enjoy contented least,
Yet in these thoughts myself almost despising,
Haply I think on thee, and then my state,
Like to the lark at break of day arising
From sullen earth, sings hymns at heaven's gate
For thy sweet love remembered such wealth brings,
That then I scorn to change my state with kings.



David Harris and his plane Velocity

To learn more about The Flying Tigers, visit their website at www.flyingtigersavg.com.

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Parsons Celebrates Centennial



Parsons 1905

The 100-year-old cupola and portico with Doric columns, the square corner piece detail on the upper story of Parsons Schoolhouse, all typical of the Greek Revival style popular in early American architecture, seem almost dwarfed today by the larger new buildings on campus. As students rush by to get to class – or get out of class – the beauty of this edifice that served as the third – and fourth – schoolhouse for the Academy often gets overlooked. Its creation, however, was quite the news of the day in 1905.

Third or Fourth Schoolhouse?

Its designation as the third – and fourth – Academy schoolhouse first bears some explanation. When Mr. Samuel Adams accepted the role of Preceptor (Headmaster in today's lingo) in 1819, he did so on condition that suitable repair and improvement be made to campus buildings. The board agreed and work commenced. The largest project was the building of a new schoolhouse to replace Fleak House which had replaced the original Little Red

Schoolhouse. The new building was placed in the center of the Mansion House lawn, with the bell tower facing the road. Over the years, the building was moved seven times and burned to the ground at least three.

What was built in 1905 was considered a reconstruction of the two-story building with bell tower that had originally been on the Mansion House lawn. As the Newburyport News reported on March 14, 1905, "A part of the present building will, however, be incorporated into the new for sentiment's sake." A full description of the building by the architect, Charles Hardy Ely, appeared in the June 13, 1905 issue of the Newburyport News: "The new building incorporates all of the old structure except the tower, the east and west walls being extended at the north end embodying the space occupied by the tower and three free in addition...A portion of the sides of the old building were removed and two ells constructed to obtain the necessary space for the recitation rooms." Thus, the reader can understand how Parsons is the third – and fourth – schoolhouse for the Academy.

Construction

Work began in early spring of 1905 with the plan to be ready for students when they returned for fall semester. The plans called for the first floor to contain the aforementioned "four recitation rooms" with desks and chairs in each for 15 students. The second floor was designed to hold an assembly hall 42 feet by 25 feet, with desks for 60, a raised platform in front for an instructor and a small alcove in the rear to be used as a reference room, "so placed that the master may have full supervision of this room from his desk in the assembly hall," architect Ely said. In the basement, the Newburyport News further reported on April 22, 1905, "will be the laboratory furnished in up-to-date style with first-class implements. From the laboratory will be doors leading to one or more smaller rooms which will be used as work rooms in connection with the work of the scientific department. The basement will also contain the furnace room. The foundation will be of field stone."

Architect Ely seemed excited about the



Mrs. Susan E.B. Forbes, great granddaughter to Rev. Moses Parsons



Third Schoolhouse

method of building employed. "The construction of the frame building is entirely different from that employed today," he wrote to Lombard in June 1905. "The walls are formed of a series of heavy, hewn posts set midway between the windows with layer posts at the corners...The outside of the building is covered with clapboards nailed to the boarding spaced closely together at the bottom and gradually increasing in width until the roof is reached. The reason for doing this is rather interesting. The Greeks were the first builders who studied perspective and optical delusion [sic]...This varied spacing of external material" was employed to "correct the perspective so that, as [one] looked at the façade of a building from a certain point, all the horizontal stone courses would appear to be of exactly the same width."

Cornerstone

The cornerstone for Parsons, cut in with the year "1905" and contributed by Mrs. M. E. Guthrie, was laid during Commencement Exercises on June 12, 1905. Until then, the name of the donor was a mystery to all but Mr. Lombard and the woman herself. As The Newburyport Morning Herald reported, "At 12:30 p.m. the services of laying of the cornerstone of the Parson school began. Principal W. D. Sprague presided. Prayer was offered by the Rev. John L. Elwell, D.D., dean of Howard University, Washington, D.C. This was followed by an address by a young Theophilus Parsons of New York, descendant of Moses. The services of laying of the cornerstone were held in the presence of

Mrs. Susan E. B. Forbes of Fatherland Farm who gave the building in memory of her great grandfather, Rev. Moses Parsons, who was the pastor [of Byfield Parish Church] and friend of Governor Dummer. After the stone was laid the trowel with which the stone was laid was presented to Mrs. Forbes."

Though it is not explained whether he was on campus to attend Commencement or the laying of the cornerstone, Hon. Curtis Guild, Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts made an appearance. The paper reported that when he walked down the aisle to take his seat, after missing his train and hiring a private driver, "cheer after cheer rent the air, followed by the academy yell." Indeed, Guild held the same post as had the founder of the Academy, Lt. Gov. William Dummer.

What is also noted in the paper is that Mrs. Forbes' grandfather, son of Rev. Moses Parsons, was the first Theophilus Parsons, an alumnus of the Academy who later became the leading author of the Massachusetts Constitution of 1780, a Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Court, and an author of the Bill of Rights.

Dedication

Though the cornerstone was laid at Commencement in June 1905, the dedication was not until October of the same year. The Daily Republican of Springfield, Massachusetts noted the occasion in its October 1 issue. "Mrs. S. B. Forbes, formerly of this city who had now for some years

made her home at her country home in Byfield, had just completed a new schoolhouse for Dummer Academy in that town which is claimed to be the oldest institution of its kind in America. The building will be dedicated at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Senator Lodge and Dr. Perrin of Boston University being the speakers with Prof. James H. Ropes of Harvard Divinity School, president of the board of Trustees, as presiding officer." At the time of the dedication, school has just opened for the 143rd year, with 30 pupils enrolled.

According to the Newburyport News, "one of the most beautiful autumn days it was, the weather especially during the hours of the exercises being sunny, and the temperature delightful." After introductions and prayer, Mrs. Forbes addressed the congregation of dignitaries, including the mayors of Salem and Beverly, and the school community. "It is the earnest wish of my heart on this interesting occasion to express most cordial thanks to all persons of any station whatever in life who have in any manner contributed toward the completion, furnishing or embellishment of the handsome and commodious structure we have this day met to dedicate to the cause of education." She soon, with "unbounded pleasure," placed the keys to the building in Prof. Ropes' hands, noting that the building was a memorial to Rev. Parsons, "the long-time pastor and warm friend of Lieut.-Governor Wm. Dummer, who was deeply interested in the establishment of the school in accordance with the will of its founder" and "instrumental in securing the services of its first principal, the famous

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Parsons in the 1940s

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‘Master Moody.’” She closed by saying, “Wishing centuries more of life, with ever increasing success for old Dummer Academy, I remain its staunch, unfailing friend until ‘death do us part’.”

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge next addressed the group. “Few nobler things appear in the history of Massachusetts than the establishment of schools by the early settlers on its shores,” he said. “There are few nobler things which the school and academy has, and that is that the traditions of a distinguished past, now lengthening into its second century,” he continued. “It is only by the education of the people that we can hope to make this great republic live and prosper. If we could not rely on the education I fear the future would look black. It is through education that men must learn of the past and get the standards for the future. I charge you to cherish this unimpaired history and work not with wealth as the main incentive but the elevation of humanity through a high type of intelligence and character.”

After the dedication, visitors were invited to tour the building and view rooms furnished by and named for various prominent families such as the Lowells and the Longfellow. The first recitation room was furnished by Mrs. James Murray Kay of Brookline and her family, and named the Rawson Room in honor of Mr. Edward Rawson of Newbury, first secretary of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. The library, furnished by Miss Emily Malbone Morgan of Hartford, was named The Judge Byfield Library in honor of

Morgan’s ancestor. Under “certain restrictions,” the room was to be open to all in Byfield Parish as a reference room.

Recent History

And so the Parsons Schoolhouse began its second life as the center of academic life at the Academy. Two major renovations have since added to the building’s history. On January 24, 1940, Parsons was badly gutted by flames. The fire, discovered by a group of boys studying in one of the classrooms, was attributed to a defective chimney. “The combined efforts of the Newburyport, Rowley and Byfield fire departments were necessary to bring the flames under control after a two-hour battle.” Their work, according to *The Archon* of February 10, 1940, was made more difficult by the cold weather which caused the water to freeze as soon as it hit the building. “Water was obtained from the two hockey ponds and from the water tower, and until well after 11 o’clock more than 3000 gallons a minute were being poured in the ruins.” The whole top floor was destroyed, as was the first floor science classroom, and the other first floor rooms were badly damaged by water, all necessitating an extensive rebuilding.

Twenty-four years later, in 1964, renovations were made to accommodate new needs. Nine classrooms as well as a language library and laboratory were added, as were a large study hall, an exhibition room and specially designed rooms for the Camera Club. And, in 1996, a round stained glass window was

added as a gift from the graduating class. Most recently, in 2004, the cupola and bell atop Parsons were removed when a leakage problem was discovered. Interestingly, the inscription on the bell reads, “Blake Bell Company 1892,” so the bell probably graced the top of Parsons in the building’s first incarnation on the Mansion House lawn. The bell foundry, no longer in operation, was first named Boston Copper Company when it was established in 1823, and subsequently operated under the names Henry N. Hooper and Co., William Blake and Co., and finally Blake Bell Co. Bells for many buildings in the New England region came from this company. The plan is to return the cupola and bell to their home this spring, and there is some talk of rebuilding parts of the cupola’s original features evident in the old pictures.

Today, 100 years after the second incarnation of Parsons, the building houses all foreign language classes, the Milestone office, and computer art classes. Some cosmetic changes and renovations to bathrooms were made just this year. Who knows what might be next for this building with its rich past so intertwined with the history of the Academy? — JK

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Caro Scores on All Fronts

Cam Archibald '06

"I am motivated by the people here. My teammates are always there to support me and help me work harder. I also play for fun and to stay in shape," says Nick Caro, who has been an outstanding student, accomplished athlete, and respected leader since he arrived at Governor Dummer as a freshman four years ago. As a senior from Andover, Massachusetts, Nick is the captain of the varsity football, basketball, and baseball teams. He has led his teams to many victories and winning seasons and looks forward to continuing to play football and baseball at Williams College next fall.

Sports have always been an important part of Nick's life. He began playing baseball in pre-school and continued through elementary school, adding football and track to his schedule at Andover Middle School. Andover was important in helping him prepare and build basic skills and techniques for GDA sports, Nick contends. His family supported him through his athletic beginnings, without overly pressuring him. He is quick to say that his father, who also played baseball, basketball, and football in high school, has been his greatest influence and the greatest source of help in his life.

"GDA sports have been really great for helping me get ready for college programs. In football we were coached by Hall-of-Famer John Hannah," Nick says. "Coach Bynum was a Division 1 linebacker. Coach Gerry played in college, has a lot of good experience, and knows a lot about the game. Mr. Markey is a great baseball coach, too."

This year, Nick helped lead the varsity football team to a 5-3 season playing receiver and safety. The 2004 team boasted a 7-1-1 record with the only loss coming in the New England Championships by one point. Last year the team was captained by Brian Morrissey '05 and Raul Cruz '05, both of whom also attend Williams College. "My proudest moment would have to be two years ago when we won the ISL and the New England championships," Nick says of the undefeated 2003 season.

Playing forward, Nick is always one of the top scorers on the varsity boys basketball team, which he captained this year with Andrew Sillari '06. Nick was the top ISL three-point shooter at 60 percent.

Nick plays starting catcher on the varsity baseball team, which ended the 2005 season with a 9-7 record. Nick won ISL "Rookie of the Year" during his freshman season, beginning his GDA baseball career positively. This year he will co-captain the team with Jyovani Joubert.

Although he always enjoys and anticipates games, Nick says, "I'm not really into pre-game superstitions because you feel like if you break them, you're automatically going to fail. I usually just do a little running and catching before games so that I'm ready to play." As for advice he would give to incoming athletes, Nick says, "When you're young, you shouldn't get too down if you don't make the team on your first try. Keep practicing and trying and you'll probably be able to make it in the future if you focus and don't get too upset."

Nick also enjoys watching professional and college football. He loves the New England Patriots and Notre Dame, counting Jerry Rice as his favorite receiver. In baseball, he favors Detroit Tigers catcher Ivan Rodriguez, from whom he likes to borrow techniques.

Although most of his athletic endeavors have been successful, Nick recalls one gaffe. "My most embarrassing moment was playing Little League baseball when I struck out and hit myself as I was swinging. Striking out was bad enough and hitting myself just added insult to injury."

Nick is known for his achievements off the field as well. He is a High Honors student and is a proctor in Perkins Dormitory. He's looking forward to settling in and playing ball in Williamstown next year, though he's not yet sure of an academic major or career path. He knows, however, that he always wants to stay involved with athletics, probably by coaching in addition to his "day" job.

There's no doubt that Nick Caro's GDA athletic and academic career has been filled with accomplishment. As he puts it, through sports he has learned "hard work, perseverance, teamwork, all of which I can apply to school and my life."

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JV GIRLS BASKETBALL

Season Record: 5-11

Of Note: *The record of this year's JV girls basketball team does not tell the full story of their effort and improvement throughout the season. Four of the Govs' losses were by three points or less. For most of the other games, the Govs were able to get good looks at the basket but their shots didn't fall. Regardless of the record, each girl on the team, and the managers too, hustled whenever they were called upon.*

— Ray Long, Coach

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

Season Record: 12-9

MVP: Emilie Arthur

Coaches Award: Katherine Goodwin

Other Achievements: Scoring leader was Katherine Goodwin who averaged 16.6 points per game. Katherine was selected as an All-Star player in the New England Prep School Athletic Conference and as an All-Star for the Tabor Holiday Tournament, where the team earned a trophy for being the runner-up team. Rebounding leader for GDA was Emilie Arthur as she averaged 4.8 rebounds per game. Katherine also led the team in three-point shooting average with an average of 35 percent. Our free throw shooting leader was Meghan Griesbach with an 86 percent shooting average. As The Archon went to press, the team was getting ready to participate in the NEPSAC tournament.

Of Note: *This group played very good defense throughout the season as only two teams scored in the 50s against us all season. One might say that our three one-point losses during the season were highlights as the team was able to fight back in each of those games after being down by many points in each instance.*

— Ike Suggs, Coach

JV BOYS BASKETBALL

Season Record: 5 - 11

MVP: Thomas Adams-Wall

MIP: Travis Ferland

Coaches Award: Ted Durkin

Of Note: *Though the JV boys finished with a losing record, there were only two games all season that were not close in the final minutes. Many of the players on the team made significant improvements during the season, and the team worked together well as a group. The highlight was a February game against Brooks in which we scored 43 points in the second half for a come-from-behind win.*

— Tom Robertson, Coach

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

Season Record: 6-9 ISL; 10-15 overall

MVP: Andrew Sillari

Of Note: *Andrew Sillari was named to the Boys Club of NY Holiday Classic All-Tournament Team. This was an exciting season with many close games that were decided in the final seconds. This team battled hard and was competitive in almost every game. Disappointing close losses against St. Paul's (OT), Nobles (OT) and St. Sebastian's kept GDA out of the New England Tournament picture, but the squad regrouped for an exciting final victory over Belmont Hill in the final game of the season. The 11 seniors will be missed next year.* — Steve Metz, Coach



JV GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

Season Record: 6-9

Of Note: The girls JV hockey team had a fun and productive season led by their captains Emme Hughes, Cam Archibald and Morgan Bradford. One of the highlights of the season was our first Alumni game in January, which hopefully will become an annual tradition. — Mike Karin, Coach

VARSITY GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

Season Record: 9-12-1

MVP: Erin Connors

Coaches Award: Rossli Chace

All League: Erin Connors

Of Note: The team graduates six outstanding seniors who contributed a great deal to the recent success surrounding this program. This team may have fallen short of individual and team goals, but accomplished a great deal as the season unfolded. No loss was decided by more than two goals and half of them by only one goal. This group fought hard in every contest all year long. — Babe Ceglarski, Coach

JV BOYS ICE HOCKEY

Season Record: 17-3-1

Most Improved Player: Angelo Scippa

Coaches' Award: Mike Hill

Of Note: This was the finest JV boys hockey team in many years. We were a very explosive team with a lot of offensive weapons that was balanced by a very stingy defense. We outscored our opponents this season 115-37. — Rod McLain, Coach

VARSITY BOYS ICE HOCKEY

Season Record: 11-13-4 (5-9-2 in the Keller Division of the ISL)

MVP: Matt Lombardi

Wasson Award (our unsung hero): Mark Rinaldi

ISL All League: Matt Lombardi and Mark Rinaldi

Of Note: Special thanks for their play and leadership goes to our five seniors: Captain Mark Rinaldi, Assistant Captain Matt Lombardi, Assistant Captain Zach Samson, Peter Donovan and Cory Spinale. Eighteen players from this year's team will return next winter to compete in the always tough ISL. — Peter Kravchuk, Coach





JV VOLLEYBALL

Season Record: 4-10

MVP: Caitlin Kelliher

MIP: Claire (Soo Jung) Shin

Coaches Award: Mintra Maneepairoj

Of Note: *This volleyball season has been one that has tested all of the girls physically. Even though we had more losses than wins, both coaches feel as if the girls grew in their knowledge of volleyball, their skills on the court, and their overall team spirit. These girls truly made an effort throughout the season and have learned to play the game and play it well. — Jarela Yara, Coach*

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Season Record: 11-5

MVP: Lily Osowski

Most Improved Player: Crary Chandler

Of Note: *The Gavs ended the 2005-2006 volleyball season qualifying for the conference tournament as the third seeded team. The girls were upset in the quarterfinals of the tournament by fifth seeded Lawrence Academy. The team as a whole showed great improvement over the course of the season and, with only two seniors graduating, the Gavs look to become increasingly competitive next season. The volleyball coaches and teammates wish a fond farewell to our departing senior captains, Lizzy Guyton and Julia McInnis. — Kali Wilson, Coach*

WRESTLING

Season Record: 14-9

MVP: Ryan Becker

Heb Evans Award: Ben Cutrell

Of Note: *The wrestling team improved their record for the third consecutive season, posting the team's first winning season in several years. In the Graves-Kelsey Tournament, the team ranked eighth, with Rob Sullivan and Ryan Becker grabbing second places, Pat Diamond, Danny Chun and Ben Cutrell grabbing thirds, and Henry Gurney a sixth. The team ranked 68th out of 103 teams in the National Prep Championship Tournament, with five wrestlers competing. Seven of the team's 12 starters qualified for this year's New England Championship Tournament which was about to be played as The Archon went to press. — Greg Waldman, Coach*

James T. McClellan '28 of Ipswich, MA, died on August 1, 2005. A graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, James, a sculptor whose work is in private and corporate collections nationwide, is best known locally for the 12-foot wide double mahogany doors of Poseidon and Triton carved in relief for Gloucester's Sawyer Free Library. James was a decorated veteran of World War II and saw combat in the Philipines as well as serving as a member of the occupying forces in Japan. He leaves two children, John and Anita, and four grandchildren.

Donald E. Hastings '36 died on September 21, 2005 in Amherst, MA. A graduate of Amherst College, Donald was the retired president of A.J.Hastings Inc. He leaves his wife, Phyllis, and four children, David, Susan, Elizabeth and Cynthia.

Charles I. Somerby '37 died on December 14, 2005 after a long illness. A graduate of Hobart College, Charles served in the US Navy and was a retired newspaper publisher. He had been very active in the historical society in Milton, Florida. He leaves his wife Doris and three children, Charles, Bonny and Terry.

Thomas G. Parker '39 died at his home in Tampa, Florida on December 5, 2005. Tom, a native of Northfield, MA, was the 1939 captain of GDA's golf team. He worked at JPMorgan in New York, then served in World War II before becoming a golf pro in Florida for many years.

Decius S. Veasey '43 of Haverhill, MA, died February 3, 2006 at his winter home in Pine Island, Florida. During World War II, he served at the battle of Okinawa before returning to the states and earning his Bachelor's degree from Amherst College. His career started in advertising, followed by a stint at United Shoe Machinery and Merrimack National Bank, before he started a nursing home business in Florida. He leaves his wife, Ruth, daughter Janet Splaine P'05, '08, and two grandchildren, Ruth Walling Splaine '05 and Decia Veasey Splaine '08.

Charles Capen McLaughlin '47 died September 2, 2005 in Baltimore, MD. He received his BA from Yale and his Ph.D. from Harvard. At American University, he was history

professor emeritus and an expert on 19th century landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted. In 1955, he and his wife contracted polio; afterwards he walked with the help of canes. He leaves his wife, Ann, and two children, John and Ellen.

Raymond E. Williamson '47 of Greenwich, Connecticut, died on January 20, 2006 after a battle with cancer of the esophagus. He leaves three sons, seven grandchildren and many friends. A graduate of Nichols College, Raymond had owned and operated Towne Cleaners in Greenwich.

William R. Quattrocchi Jr. '48 of Jupiter, Florida, died on December 7, 2005. A graduate of the University of Virginia, William was a retired business owner. He lived in Summit, NJ, before moving to Florida. He leaves his wife Portia and daughter Nina.

David Arthur Rock '48 of Troy, Maine, died on December 31, 2005. A graduate of Antioch College with a Master's degree from Yale University, David worked as a consulting forester. He leaves his wife Judy and two children, Jennifer and Timothy.

George L. Boynton '56 died on December 2, 2005 in La Jolla, CA of melanoma cancer. George received his BA from Stanford University and his MA from Columbia University before embarking on a career in banking. After his 1996 retirement, he and his wife began a four-and-a-half year cruise on a 44-foot sloop, covering 10,000 nautical miles and 16 countries. At GDA, George played football and set school shot put and discus records. He is survived by his wife Pamela and two children, Carly and Lynda.

Reynolds E. Moulton Jr. '56 of Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts, died on March 5, 2006 at his home. Rey was president of his class at GDA and was a member of The Milestone staff, the glee club, and the varsity soccer, basketball and baseball teams. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1960. For more than 30 years Rey was president of R.E. Moulton Inc, an insurance company in Marblehead, MA. Rey served on the Board of Trustees at GDA. His phi-

lanthropy stretched far and wide, to Marblehead, GDA, Dartmouth and the University of Vermont. Rey is survived by his children, Holly, Reynolds III, and Jonathan; his wife, Betsy; and her children, Stirling and Alden Winder.

Timothy Webster Browne '65 of Pownal, Maine, died on February 16, 2006. Tim earned his Bachelor's degree from Trinity University in Texas. He served in the US Army from 1969-71. Before retiring in 2002, he owned and operated Northeast Aerial Construction, a cable television company. He is survived by a brother, a sister and Cleo, his 18-year-old cat.

James E. Millett '67 died unexpectedly on February 17, 2006 in Chapel Hill, NC, where he had been living for the past nine years. With classmates Bill Alford and Ray Huard, Jim was one of the "Waterville Wonders," gifted athletes from Maine who made an immediate impact on the fortunes of GDA's teams. Jim played football, hockey and baseball. A graduate of the University of Vermont and the law school at the University of Maine, Jim practiced law in the Waterville and Portland areas for many years. The father of three was intimately involved in his children's activities, coaching a number of their athletics teams. In listing Jim's survivors, the Maine Sunday Telegram included his wife of 30 years, Darline; his children, Kate, Corey and Morgan; and "his loved Governor Dummer family."

Donald J. Burchell Jr. '74 of Salisbury, MA, died on February 16, 2006 at his residence. Donald received his Bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Cornell and earned a Master's degree and Doctorate in polymer science from the University of Massachusetts. He worked for Dow Chemical Company for many years. Donald leaves two sisters and their families.

Peter G. Bildner '03 of Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA, died in December 2005 in Florida.

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Reunions

Class of 1931 - 75th
Class of 1936 - 70th

The trend in my notes for the senior group of alums continues in a downward direction. Aches, pains and visits to the hospital continue to increase. The number of members of our group continues to decrease. It is sad that I have to report the deaths of **Don Hastings '36** and **Charles Somerby '37**. Data on their lives can be found in another section of The Archon. There are only 76 of us still answering the roll call, and only the last four classes have ten or more members remaining. By the time you read these notes, **Harry Churchill '33** will be 91 years old. He and Betty are in what he describes as pretty good health. With the lack of news for this column, I don't have to get someone to write it for me.

1939

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Before proceeding, I must tell you it is a shock to many of our classmates that a name change is going to take place later this year. Those of us who had the privilege to attend Governor Dummer over 60 years ago cannot believe what is taking place. It is a heartfelt loss to many of us old-timers but I guess that will pass with time.

It's getting more difficult to fill up the '39 column with so few replies from our class. However, I do greatly appreciate those who took the time to answer my request for

news. Where were the rest of you?

Tom Killough, who replies to my request for news, tells us that his horse, Desmet, was sold in late December. However, both he and his partner are looking for a replacement so we hope he will be telling us shortly of his latest acquisition. What are you looking for, a race or show horse? **Phil Simpson** and his wife, Sue, are enjoying the good life in Kissimmee, FL. His comment regarding the weather in the sunshine state leaves much to be desired. He has had a shoulder problem for several months but apparently there is some improvement although not enough to resume tennis. He and his wife are looking forward to joining Alice and me at the school reunion in June. It will be our 67th year out! We would like to see other classmates join us. It's a great get-together and if you haven't been back for a long time you will be amazed what has taken place on the campus you used to know.

John Gannett and Pat are spending the winter in Silver Springs, FL and will be heading north to Maine around May 1. They both keep busy with his wife swimming and him doing repairs. He didn't say what he was working on but I'm almost certain it has to do with boats, either row or paddle. The old goat, as **Tom Tenney** calls himself, feels that the name change will result in pluses in no time at all. He always was an optimist. He and Eunie are again spending the winter in Ponta Vedra, FL. One granddaughter is getting married in June and his sixth grandchild graduates from college in June as well. It promises to be a busy month for the Tenney family. Hopefully, if they hit Vermont this summer, they'll drop in. We'd like to show them how the other half lives.

You will be sorry to learn our former classmate, **Tom Parker**, passed away at his home in Tampa, FL, December 5. Tom, a native of Northfield, MA was an excellent golfer and was the 1939 captain of GDA's golf team. Following graduation, he was associated with J.P. Morgan in New York City. I roomed with Tom for a short time in the big city where I sought my fortune. However, nothing came of that and being a country boy, I returned to Vermont broke! Following service in WWII, Tom was a golf

pro for many years in Florida.

For us it's been an uneventful winter. So far, not as much snow as in previous years but enough to keep the shovel warm. I keep active with Rotary and the Shrine and collecting rents from about 12 doctors associated with the local hospital.

1940

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"Pete" Farnum reports: "All went well with my knee replacement surgery, so they say; however, this operation is not a quick fix, and takes time and a lot of hard work on the exercises before it is over. I picked these winter months, because I wanted plenty of time to recoup prior to next summer's outdoor activities. They say I will still be able to play golf again, so I am looking forward to that. We miss our motor home and annual trip to Florida which we decided was too much of a chore. With the kind of winter we have had this year in Maine, who needs Florida!"

1941

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65th Class Reunion

June 9, 10, 11 2006

Jim Monroe reports: "We just celebrated our 55th wedding anniversary. The entire family gathered in LaJolla, CA for 3-4 days. That means a total of 18: four children, three spouses, seven grandchildren and two of their spouses. Very flattering to the grandparents. One granddaughter with husband gave up three days of a trip to India, and a daughter and granddaughter came over from Australia where they live. I'm waiting to see

all the pictures! Always pleased to get news from GDA."

Paul Morgan says: "It's been an exciting year providing our son Daniel moral support as he and his agreeing Trustees brought about our very significant school name change. We need more boarders. The choice is no longer made by parents – it's the kids today surfing the net. Very few want to consider attending a dumber academy to become smarter. We're healthy, happy and lucky – aging like a superlative wine."

I942

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Dave Jarvis writes an interesting note: "They say I'm not getting old, but I'm getting more interesting to the medical profession. Too bad Dr. Hill retired. Still hanging out at the Chart Room, but not going over the Bridge during the off-season."

Statistical information comes from **Tom Fenn**: "January '06, the 50th anniversary of becoming a Blue Lodge third degree mason! May 22, 2006, 60th wedding anniversary to first and only wife, Barbara. June 5, 2006, 64th anniversary of my graduation from GDA!!!"

From **Bob Harris**: "Still writing a book; now inserting photos and plans. Quite a way to go yet. I'm thinking about coming east in June to see my kids and hopefully GDA for alumni day. We do exercises in the mornings, swim on Fridays and walk around the creek we live by daily. Got to keep fit or its bad news. Very little else to report; just keeping up with our co-op duties, church and sports."

I943

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We have had a FEW answers to our plea for news of the 43ers. Many of them had scathing comments on the question as to who we are. It is pretty much settled among

the class that we are graduates of Governor Dummer Academy, but somehow that doesn't count. I drove up Route 95 the other day and noticed that the big road sign is with us. **Dick Veasey** sent a copy of his plea to the Trustees which was eloquent, but unavailing.

Widge Thomas doesn't know when to keep his mouth shut and ended up as president of his storm ravaged condo in Florida. He is semi-retired and moved to a cottage at Piper Shores in Scarborough for the summer. **Huck Leinbach** is working out at the fitness center and feeling better for it. Your secretary should do the same. **Bob Morrell** is still putting off Social Security. He enjoys the assets of Bowdoin and home workshop activities. He claims to do some fly fishing, but doesn't mention whether he catches anything. **Ben Mann** is supporting the medical profession and doing some replumbing of his innards.

Bob Wadleigh continues to enjoy Costa Rica and doesn't miss the ice and snow. We are all too old to shovel, anyway, so we should do the same. **Bill Wiswall** still manages to get up in the morning. He has joined the snowbird flight and contrary to popular belief, finds that the balls fly no further in Florida. **Peter Morgan** is selling off a small portion of his antique auto fleet, but retains enough to make the rallies and meets. He has given up the Ralph Cramdon bit and no longer drives a bus. **Walt McGill** writes that the things that AREN'T happening are notable. His handicap is not dropping, 80 is not old, the walk from the car is the most work of exercise class, and staying in nights is the highlight of the day."

All three generations of **Brewsters** are doing well. We have two grands in college, one at UMass and one at UVM. Both enjoying the experience. The elder generation is looking forward to a visit to warmer climes in March, our mud season.

I944

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Ed Tarbell sent his check to GDA and reports from Portsmouth, NH, that he is winding down his property management work, but still goes to the office daily. He and

a friend, who likes sailing as much as he does, sail together. They went out sailing on December 30th for three hours, out beyond the Whaleback Lighthouse and up the Back Channel (cold, but fun, says he!). He has plans for, and is looking forward to, a trip to Munich in late April. His last visit was in the early 50s. His children are doing well and a granddaughter is teaching English to Motorola engineers in Torino. She expects to marry in Torino next spring.

Jack Wellman's response to the fund appeal is that he gave a large lump sum many years ago and asks if that is enough. The answer is, "Yes, but... to get 100 percent participation this year we need at least \$10 from each person." It sounds like he is enjoying his life as he is golfing two or three times a week. (Jack lives in South Carolina) He had a knee replacement in June and his golf handicap went up, but is now coming down again. Jack has eight children, 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He passed 80 in July and is counting his blessings. **Andy Brillhart** mailed his check. He reports from Cleveland that he and his wife are in "pretty good health." They are on Medicare, Medicare Supplement, Medicare part "D", and so on. They are selling their place in Texas, as traveling back and forth with two dogs is too hard.

I945

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Warren Furth writes: "The only physical activity that this old man engages in is walking. Fast walking with a group twice a week, hiking with another group every second Friday, and trekking with a third group one Sunday a month. Relief from this routine will come in February when I shall spend some time with son, daughter-in-law and grandson in Palm Springs, CA and perhaps in March when Margaret and I intend to visit our daughter in New Delhi, India." **Arch Kingsley** says: "Still chugging along with my pacemaker. Feel like the Energizer Bunny. In any event, Hail to the Governors and God bless our soldiers in Iraq. See you all at our 65th. Best to all." From **Brad Roberts**: "The heart valve provided by

some poor pig is working as expected, so I plan to be at our 65th reunion and I am looking forward to it. See you then."

Brad Roberts reports: "Sorry to miss our 60th reunion, but recovery from open heart surgery took longer than expected. All is well now. Enjoyed a visit by Peter Bragdon a couple of weeks ago. Expect to see you all in 2010." And sad news from **Irv Williamson**. "Sorry to report the death of my brother **Raymond Williamson** on January 20, 2006, Class of 1947. Ray put up a major battle with cancer of the esophagus complicated by lack of pulmonary function. He leaves three sons and seven grandchildren and many Greenwich friends."

1946

*Class of 1946
Needs Secretary*

60th Class Reunion

June 9, 10, 11 2006

Bill Silver says: "Just returned from two weeks in Gulfport and Biloxi making dental identifications on victims of Hurricane Katrina and then the disaster of a chalk plane called me to the medical examiner office in Miami. Unfortunately, I have been very busy in my role as forensic odontologist." **John Kimball** has been awarded an Artist Residency for the winter term in 2006 by the Robert M. MacNamara Foundation to pursue his creative work in the visual arts. The Foundation awards residencies to seven men and women from around the world and from all artistic disciplines. **Bob Waugh** says: "Debby and I have eight granddaughters and four grandsons from ages 14-26. We have a busy spring coming up with a St. Lawrence University graduation, two high school graduations and, most important of all, my 60th GDA reunion, which we hope to attend. I will miss not seeing so many of my old friends who 'don't come down for breakfast anymore', but the wonderful memories of good times are still there."

1947

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This issue of *The Archon* concludes my stint in the barrel as your Class Secretary. As I step down, **Norm Brown** steps up, and I wish to express my gratitude for his loyalty to GDA and to our class.

Norm Brown wrote in to tell us that **Jack Deering** was recently featured in the alumni magazine of Colby College. Often referred to as "Mr. Colby," Jack has been a staunch supporter of the school for five decades, serving as president of the Colby Club of Southern Maine, a member of the Alumni Council and its Athletic Committee, a member of the Alumni Fund Committee, and as a class agent. In 1968, he and his wife received the Colby Brick Award for service to the college. In 1962, he was named the C Club Person of the Year, and a scholarship fund in his honor has been established at the school. As Norm says, "I think [the article] exemplifies the man our class of 1947 elected as their president. The Colby article reflects well, not only upon the college itself, but also upon GDA, Jack's classmates and all those people who have been privileged to know him and be called 'friend.'" Norm also recalls how Jack has ridden "shotgun over his classmates," sending notes, calling or adding a personal message to the bottom of his Annual Fund letters, "just a sentence or two to let us know that he is thinking of us on a more personal level." Congrats, Jack, and thanks for sharing the news with us, Norm.

Herbert Hoffman writes: "I'm getting old. The bones ache. So I have to spend more time at the hot springs. A collection of my essays will be appearing in spring. Title: *Divergent Archaeologies*. Our Tuscan farm is buried in snow. In January, Ursula and I will be heading for Morocco." **Dan Hall** reports: "I like to think the variety in my



Homer Ambrose '47

life continues to keep me out of trouble. My employment three days a week in a homeless shelter at the Pine Street Inn, in Boston, occupies the most significant time commitment. I have a caseload of about 12 men with whom I meet on at least a weekly basis. These meetings focus on sobriety, employment and housing. I am also responsible for checking in on a few individuals who are living in subsidized housing, as well as arranging for and picking up furniture at a 'furniture bank' in Lynn, for those few who are fortunate enough to obtain housing. I continue to skate weekly alongside **Bill Bailey** and brother **Manson '49**. Also, playing with members of the high school team I organized in 1962, in a Montreal tournament which was very special. They not only told me when to get on and off the ice, but presented me with a wonderful plaque in my honor! Lorrie and I did some traveling with a fact-finding group to the West Bank in Palestine, stood in their open-air 'prison', and saw the separation wall snaking through their neighborhoods; waited at check-points; and saw vast stretches of 'scraped' land denuded of houses and olive trees. We also saw the enormous fortress-like settlements the Israelis are building on Palestinian land.



Jack Deering '47 with his granddaughter at his 50th wedding anniversary.



Jack and Ann Deering with son Rich at their 50th wedding anniversary.

In contrast, our trip to Italy in October was a delight. We visited the Forum and Coliseum in Rome, and the Duomo and Giotto's bell in Florence. I continue to do some sailing, babysitting (my wife the key here) for the five children of my two sons, who live in town, plus gathering and splitting wood for our wood stove pretty much accounts for the rest of my time. Lorrie has helped me split wood even before I gave her a sledgehammer as a birthday present. For more than five years we have been able to pick up enough wood (with the help of a chain saw) for the winter, but there are more people chasing free wood so we may have to buy in future years. This would definitely be a blow to our pride! Along with **Bill Bailey**, I had the privilege of being present at the Academy when **Nels Corey '35**, my college hockey coach and long time friend, was inducted into the Governor Dummer Athletic Hall of Fame."

Jack Deering reports frequent talks with **Bill Bailey**, **Norm Brown**, and **Ray Williamson**. Pets and health keep **Bish Peale** in Arizona. **Joe Welch** sends best wishes to the class. Our beloved **Roy Williamson** has crossed the river following an extended and courageous battle with cancer. The Class of '47 extends deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Henry Dunker writes with news on **Jim Knott** and the judge's decision, after trial, in Jim's \$16,000,000 civil action against the EPA for malicious prosecution. In what

was a huge disappointment for Jim, his legal team and hundreds of others around the nation who were rooting for him in his courageous, tenacious fight against an over-reaching bureaucracy, the trial judge ruled against Jim, after trial of his civil action against the EPS for malicious prosecution. He ruled that Jim had "failed to meet his burden of proof that the EPA criminal investigator who initiated and continued the prosecution lacked probable cause or acted with an improper motive." What Jim had to prove was inherently difficult, involving inter alia, proving a negative, proving the unreasonableness of the criminal investigator's state of mind and persuading a federal judge that a federal agent acted wrongfully. Even though Jim was unable to win a judgment for damages against the government, his civil action, pursued through the end of trial, achieved his larger objective of helping to prevent EPA (and other) bureaucrats "from

doing to others what they attempted to do to me." Indeed, in his decision, the judge pointedly stated: "The government is reproved for its sloppy recording of pH values in a logbook and subsequent heavy-handed treatment of Riverdale Mills Corp., including the conduct of an unconsented and therefore unconstitutional search of the plant." The judge's reproof ought to lead to more responsible bureaucratic behavior and Jim's fight has inspired others to fight back against bureaucratic over-reaching.

1948

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Ken Bruce '48 and Bob Hill '48 with wives, Nancy and Mary Cay

Bob Hill and his wife, Mary Cay, spent a delightful Thanksgiving day with **Bill and Dorrie Lindquist** and **Ken and Nancy Bruce** at the Lindquists' home on Sanibel Island, FL. Shortly after that, Ken and Nancy were off on a river cruise in Germany. We'll hopefully have an update on their trip for a subsequent issue. **Richard Palais** and his wife have moved from the Northeast to the UC Irvine Math Dept., so they are now Southern Californians. He is partially "unretired" and teaches one or two courses per year in the same department. He became emeritus at Brandeis University eight years ago and misses old friends, but making new ones and enjoying the California climate. **Peter "Honus" Wagner** has been touring around Italy on an Italian Enchantment Cruise visiting such places as Sicily, Rome, Florence, Monte Carlo, Croatia and the lake



Bill Lindquist '48 with his wife Dorrie

regions. He sold his vineyard on Bainbridge Island, WA and also sold his coach condo in Bonita Springs, FL. He is about to move into a Carriage House in Rapallo, Estero, FL. His granddaughter has been recruited by the Cornell University squash coach and she is entering the hotel management program. He said they had record rain in Washington this winter and they're looking forward to Florida sunshine. **Webster Kitchell** is living in a retirement home in Santa Fe, NM and unfortunately has Parkinson's disease. He calls it "ache and shake." He covered a lot of territory about life, his ministry, and life and death issues. I plan to try and reach Webster by telephone before I quote him because his thoughts would be very meaningful to our classmates...especially because of our advancing years.

A brief card from Maine said that **David Arthur Rock** died on December 31, 2005. An E-mail response from Nina Long @bellsouth.net also brought the sad news that **William R. Quattrocchi Jr.** passed away on December 7, 2005. Bill and his wife, Portia, had lived in Summit, NJ before moving to Jupiter, FL.

As you can see, not many in our Class of '48 responded, so please, let's try and do much better for the next issue of The Archon. All the very best, and KIIYK From your class secretary, Bob Hill.

1949

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Allen Hollis says: "Old ministers seldom retire until health is a problem, so I keep on doing a little here and there for the church. Combined with bridge, I am busy and hope to become a Silver Life Master in 2006." **Mansfield Smith** plans to try retirement again this June, following five years as a part time professor of surgery at University of California at Davis. "Davis is a great college town for retiring," he says. The strengths of

the school are enology, veterinary medicine, and environmental studies...and who doesn't like wine, dogs and trees? Following a serious car crash in November in which the only injured party was seatbeltless, he admonishes us all to buckle up for the New Year."

Bill Chamberlin reports: "Tom, it was great to hear your voice. Thanks for calling. What I do, I'm sure, will bore everyone to death. I spend a good deal of my time seeing my four kids and their offspring. I enjoy the grandkids. My oldest is 21 and the youngest is one - different families. All my kids live in New Hampshire, making it easy to see them. I still do fundraising for my college class, church, and The Governor's Academy. I guess that is what GDA is called. I haven't gotten used to it, but I am happy the controversy is over. I had, as you may recall, open heart surgery in 2005, and I am fine now, but lack energy. I saw **Ken Bruce** '48 this summer. He hasn't changed, as I am sure Arch will attest. I am living in a senior community since my wife kicked me out in 2004. I think our divorce is the longest in history - three years so far. Sure does soak up the cash. Oh well. With this note, I wish all '49ers a great 2006."

Rick Tyler informs us: "Ann and I just returned from nine days in Costa Rica. A great trip viewing birds, monkeys, crocodiles, volcanoes and beautiful country. Great coffee and after touring a coffee plantation, brought back lots of it. Skiing in Utah started slowly, but is now great. Only 20 minutes away, so I am spoiled." **Bob Coulter** came in from shoveling: "Tom called just after I finished shoveling from another snowstorm. I was in an excellent mood, however, as our ninth grandchild had just been born in

Seattle that morning. (Robert Charles Coulter). I promised a reply for the alumni notes. My wife and I live in Center Sandwich, NH with a magnificent view of the White Mountains. Town committees and volunteer work keep me busy, as does traveling The Baja with our family for a 45th anniversary celebration, barging in Southern France with friends, and several trips to Seattle last year. We look forward to visitors and hope classmates will call and stop by when they are in the area."

Jake Brown continues to harass me about my acumen on the golf course, so I will make every effort to elevate my game when I am in Chatham this September. He says, "I know you are not too old to keep score - so why not play? Maybe you are too old?" **Bill Johnson** first asks me what RADM means...Rear Admiral...and then...continues: "Dear Tom. Things are really good for me and my family. Living in Port Clyde on the Maine coast with my lovely new bride can't be beat. Together we have 29 children and grandchildren and they keep us very busy. We travel quite a bit and are going on a cruise around South America in January, then to Washington to visit friends and then down the Rhine this fall. Enjoy your life and remember what the sign in the Cemetery reads: 'Get a lot while you are young.' My best wishes to you and our classmates."

P.S. **Bill Judson** is in the process of writing an account of the post-9/11 status and events in New York. Unfortunately, he was pressed for time since his effort was overcome by a business trip in Europe. He has generously agreed to have this article available for the next issue of The Archon. We are grateful that he will keep us in mind. We look forward to reading it. Thanks, Bill.

1950

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The Class of '50 has regained its position of greatness by responding well to the request for news for The Archon. Some have

opposed the concept of the name change, but recognize the bond of friendship and common experiences, which makes personal news in *The Archon* and our reunions so meaningful and rewarding.

Dick Patton's comments, just missing the last edition, were as follows: "It's hard to believe that most of the Class of 1950 is now retired, when it seems not so long ago we were off to college. Now life is more monkey business than real business. With a group of friends, we recently rented a small villa in Tuscany. Seems we ate our way through the Chianti district of Italy, great wines and such beauty. We plan to hit the ski slopes soon and spend the holiday season at our place in the mountains. Let's hope our battle with father time will be a long one."

I hear from our class chairman, **Tim Greene** often. We communicate by phone, fax, mail and email. Tim attended the GDA Athletic Hall of Fame dinner on November 11 and had a great time. Talked with **Fritz Freeman '48**. On another occasion, Tim saw **Dave Yesair**. "He is much better, walks sometimes without a cane." Tim sent along a student profile on our current scholarship holder, **Jeff Menard '09**. I'll include the details in my next class letter, but Jeff looks like another Renaissance man: scholar, artist and athlete. Tim and Debbie have a trip to Hawaii planned for mid-winter. Later the Vancouver chorus will be in the Boston area for two concerts. Then Tim's group will fly to Lisbon for two concerts. Why didn't Art Sager tell us what rewards would come from glee club membership?

Mo Dickerman's card came back with a message from a grave stone: "Governor Dummer Academy, 1763-2006, Requiescat in pace."

Got a call from **Charlie Bowen**. He and Calvine had been in Charleston in November where they ran into **Tom Otis '49** for golf and dinner. Then proceeded to cruise the Inland Waterway with **Dave and Brenda Hershey** from Savannah to Beaufort, SC. They were in Connecticut in December to visit two daughters and grandchildren. As this is reported, they are traveling around the west coast of Australia on a cruise that will terminate in Singapore in late February. **Bill Denny Engs** is an amazing man. Among his highlights of 2005 were: "I spent the months of April, June, and October on Cape Cod, MA to help take care of my mother. She turned 101 in August.



Bob Comey '50 in Maine

We had a wet winter in the San Bernardino Mountains, where I live. A hundred-year record for rainfall was established. I was able to camp and hike in the desert between storms. In June, I visited Alaska for the first time. The only way to see this area is from the water or the air. We saw whales, dolphins, sea otters, sea lions, mountain goats, bears, harbor seal pups, and many birds. My most memorable sight was newborn harbor seal pups with their mothers on ice floes. In August we were in the Hoover Wilderness in the High Sierra. We backpacked to Crown Lake and made side trips exploring trails leading to Yosemite National Park. The high point of my year was in September, a successful climb of Mt. Sill (14,153') in the John Muir Wilderness. My first attempt to climb the peak was 44 years ago. Last year, my fifth attempt failed. This time everything was right. It took two days to backpack to the base camp. From there it was a long but rewarding day climb to the summit and back." What a year for an obviously fit member of the Class of 1950. Denny's memoir of the Mt. Sill climb is great reading and can be obtained from him by email at engs@juno.com.

George Tulloch has reported a new address and new telephone number. "Moving into one of those one-floor, someone else mows the lawn, places on February 15. New address is 47 Davis Lane, Easton, MD 21601. Phone is 410-770-3497. Otherwise things are quiet with some talk of an Edinburgh frolic this summer, but I'm enjoying quiet more and more."

"What a cowardly and stupid example the school's trustees exhibited to its students: when the competition gets too rough it's a

cosmetic problem, so all that is needed is to change your name. How shameful, disgraceful!" This message came from Dummer **Dave Esty**.

From **Mal Robertson** came word that "I have not traveled much - Colorado and North Carolina," where his children and grandchildren live. "Have been on a genealogical kick, found graves and information on great grandfather (Civil War), great great grandfather (born 1778 in Wilmington, Ohio), great great great (born in 1752 in Frederick, MD), great great great (born in 1720 in Scotland). On mother's side, great grandfather was first white settler in Richland County, WI. Through his wife they go back to great great great grandfather (born in 1755) from VA, served in Revolutionary War. So we will be traveling to many of these places." Don't forget our mini reunion in Byfield in 2007, Mal. By missing the last listing, **Dick Patton** has two responses this time around. "At the start of the New Year, in a 36-hour time frame, over 60 inches of snow fell on us. The 'old goat' dug out. This was not part of my education at GDA or soon to be GA. Will this stand for Great Achievers or God Almighty? The name change may have benefit, but was it necessary? In 25 years no one will care. Best to the Class of 1950 and good health to all." **Marc am Rhein** has a new email address, am-rhein-prspc@adelphia.net. "Mom is doing super. I'm fine." **Tim Greene** described **Jeff Menard**, our new scholarship holder, to Marc and commented, "It seems to me Jeff fits most of the requirements you and Dr. Yesair set forth when you established the definition for our scholarship."

Holiday Greetings came from **David Yesair** and his wife Ruth by email. In addition, Dave said, "I am recovering nicely from the stroke that I had in April. After two months in a rehab hospital and five months of out-patient physical and occupational therapy I am now back, fulltime, at work." I talked with Dave on the phone recently and he's busy singing in nursing homes and moving rocks in his yard. He'll have another check-up with his doctor in Boston regarding movement of his right toes. Dave's closing comment was, "We're having dinner at my house for our next reunion." **Willy Nordwind's** card stated, "Two additional grandchildren on the way. Brings total grandkids to six. Elected as Arizona delegate to Taxpayer Advisory Panel, a nationwide

group which works with the IRS to simplify tax administration."

From **Dick McCoy** came the following email. "Just returned from a fun cruise in the Caribbean with our two daughters and four granddaughters for the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. The last night of the cruise was New Year's Eve and the champaign flowed like water. In a few days, plan to go to Sarasota for two months." Sounds good, Dick. **Bob Cushman** reports: "Diane and I enjoyed our 55th reunion dinner and program on Saturday. But there were too many classmates and no golf at Olde Newbury. Enclosed picture of **Bob Comey** from our annual summer reunion in Maine. Looking forward to getting together with **Tim and Debbie Greene** while we're both in Maine in February and March. Anybody else?" I called Bob Comey after the Coco Crisp trade. Bob thinks the Red Sox got a good player and wonders why Cleveland let him go. Bob has a seven-year-old grandson who has been wearing a Johnny Damon shirt. Will his grandson become a Yankee fan? The name change at GDA was opposed by Bob, and all other alumni he has encountered, but will not change his relationship with the many friends from those days.

Emi and I had a great trip to Slovenia, Croatia and Montenegro in October. Dubrovnik lived up to all expectations. Get there before the crowds overwhelm the place. We'll finally get to Greece in April. To recapture the lives that once were ours, read *Summer of '49* by David Halberstam. It speaks to the world we lived in as we began our last year at GDA. How things have changed. Thanks for all the news.

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50th Class Reunion
June 9, 10, 11 2006

Reliable Class Note sender **Dave Bullock** reported that he and his brother **Don '53** went to the annual Holiday Gathering at the Harvard Club, and despite the issue of the moment, had a good time. He was disappointed to receive the notice of the name change in the mail the following day. He did send a second email entitled "I have to find that bar," which I hope he has shared with all our classmates! **Yogi Wenz** checks in with a brief "See you at #55 in June." **George McGregor** sent an update on Marty Doggett who had spent the month of September in the hospital having his bone marrow cells removed, an intravenous form of chemotherapy injected into his body, and the bone marrow cells returned. In October, he was isolated at the Mansion House. George received a note in November that Marty would be "back in the saddle again" by Thanksgiving and nothing would do but for **Bill Atwell** to send him a saddle! "It is not in Marty's office and Bill is looking for a horse." Your scribe is still hanging out in Bristol. Jackie and I went to Northern Island on a business jaunt in November and hope to return in the spring. I hope you are all planning to return for our 55th in June! Regards to all.

1952

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Richard Nader reports: "Lydia and I are both well and keeping busy dodging all these ridiculous hurricanes. Give Sabu my best wishes for a speedy full recovery. I've just sent off a nostalgic letter to RG reminiscing about Perkins incidents that remain in the depths of my memory 50 years later – who would have thought? Sorry to hear that the name change went through. If they had to change it, they shouldn't have picked one that sounds stupid and is a tongue-twister to boot. I read about the change in my local St. Petersburg Times before hearing from the school. What can you expect when they cannot even spell 'wart' correctly?"

Gus Boss says: "The name change had

big press here in Arizona." He also extolled the pleasures of sun and warmth in Scottsdale after a golf game. "Sun City is the fourth largest city in the US with four million out here." He asked after **Sabu, Bob Erb, Charlie Brown, Bill Huberlie, Howard Quimby**, so you guys had better fess up to what is happening in your life! **Ed Carter** says, "Keep up the fight regarding the school name – I have moved on and found other outlets for my charitable instincts. My 50th at Harvard this year."

Barbara Sawyer reports for **Lawrence Sawyer**: "As you know, Skip has had an uphill battle since March 9, 2005 when he had cardiac arrest and rescue brought him back. He has been in Maine Medical Center Rehab Nursing Home at skilled level, back into Maine Medical last month and is now at the Monarch Center in Saco, Maine. His short term memory is impaired because of oxygen deprivation when he had cardiac arrest and he needs 24-hour care. I know he would appreciate lots of prayers for his improvement. I am sure Skip would be very upset at the school name change. Skip, his Dad and an uncle have all been Governor Dummer 'boys' and he did not want the name change. Very best wishes to all for 2006."

Fred Bowden says: "I would have gone for 'The Governors School' rather than the four-syllable synonym – as would have Uncle Tom, Hemingway and your coachman of 1795 had you asked him, 'What's that?'"

Guy Tudor has co-authored (with Rick Cech) another book on butterflies, *Butterflies of the East Coast, An Observer's Guide*. Guy remains president of the New York City Butterfly Club. His latest book was reviewed by Edward O. Wilson of Harvard as "exciting...it elevates butterflies to the rank of birds as accessible, indeed compelling subjects of natural history." It's published by Princeton Press and available through Amazon. Guy also reports that the Wilson Ornithological Society is changing the name of its periodical to The Wilson Journal of Ornithology, in an effort to "update," deal with the "advent of electronic publishing" and a "deline in memberships and subscriptions." The journal will have a new look as well, with a new logo. Guy comments, "You think GDA is the only organization pulling

this stuff?! Nobody can leave anything alone!!” I agree, Guy. Nothing is sacred anymore.

Heard from **Barry Gately** who still attends lots of GDA games as an enthusiastic fan. He’s doing pretty well after his health problems of last year. Keep cheering on the teams for us, Barry!

This is your class secretary – Following is a portion of a letter that has gone out to folks to verify the name change which is so slanted to make a case for the name change. I cannot begin to imagine where they got the figures from, as the GDA alumni were not polled at all – stay tuned – the battle goes on!: “After reviewing research conducted over the past year, the majority of GDA’s alumni, parents and faculty supported the change, according to Morgan. Responses to a questionnaire sent to all constituents supported the change by a large majority, he said. In addition, an independent advisory committee comprised of representatives from faculty, staff, parents, alumni, trustees and students all recognized the challenge the currently used name poses.”

1953

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First... long awaited news from **Newt Hyslop**. Newt is alive and well and back in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, but he’s had a harrowing year!! In his words, “2005 was Annus Horribilis, to quote Queen Elizabeth, for the Hyslops. Debbie was diagnosed with a malignant basal tumor in November of 2004 and moved to San Jose, CA to be with our daughter while receiving treatments at UCSF. I commuted back and forth from New Orleans. Her tumor proved resistant to therapy, causing a slow decline, and in May she returned to New Orleans for hospice care at home. We (Debbie, Myra – our golden retriever, and I) evacuated New Orleans on Sunday, August 28, before Katrina struck that night, and reached St. Francisville, LA, where we stayed for a week before our children had to rescue Debbie by air and me with Myra by van. We moved to San Jose for the interim and

Debbie died November 21, 2005 after a game and dignified struggle. My job at Tulane was terminated in December 2005 because of the fiscal crisis. I am back in New Orleans now and sorting out the past, present and future. House is OK.” I was pleased to catch Newt at home and follow up on his note. His spirits seemed good in spite of the ordeal he’s been through. He’s putting his life back together and is working for LSU part-time on HIV. They’re also working on new distribution of patients because of the hit the hospitals took physically and financially. Newt hopes to get Professor Emeritus status from Tulane. As he said, it has a nicer ring and more befits than being “terminated.” I’m sure all of you join me in our best wishes for Newt.

Windy Gale sends his best to all. Says there’s no question about it... The older he gets, the time goes faster. But he’s doing his best to keep up with flying time. They’re selling their big house on the water and looking possibly for a condo. He says, he won’t miss all the work – well maybe a little...**Don Bullock** and his wife, Marianne, are enjoying life in “America’s Home Town.” He’s currently volunteering for the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra and taking in this great entertainment. Don doesn’t agree with the school’s name change. Says he could take the few “Dummer” jokes that were bandied about. Says, “Too much history down the tube! This is progress?”

The **Pinkhams** just returned from a week enjoying Colorado’s winter. The ski areas close to us have tons of snow (not like New England) and fabulous skiing. Fantastic Nordic skiing at Snow Mountain Ranch near Winter Park, followed by a meeting on town business and alpine skiing in Telluride. Incredible scenery.... Sue and I are hiking the Grand Canyon in May with our hiking friends. We’re going down the south rim and up the south, with a two-night stay at Phantom Ranch. The threat of wild fire is a huge issue here, and Sue will be employed again as Interagency Fire Education Coordinator again this summer (she earns it, and I spend it). As for the name change... while I’m sorry to see the end of an era (and the jokes), we face significant demographic changes and economic challenges in the years ahead, and I applaud the school and the Board for their initiative to ensure the sustainability and value of the Academy.

1954

Class of 1954
Needs Secretary

Stuart Miller is still running his business, fishing when possible. “I enjoy my home in Sarasota, FL but would not move full time from Mass. Have two grandchildren that fish with me. Two of my children married, two still single.” **Dick Pew** says: “I officially retired in January, so Julie and I are ‘kicking it off’ with a ski trip to Selva, Italy the first week of February. I am also planning to visit **Tom Larsen** in Tortola for a few days in early April. So far this ‘retiree gig’ seems pretty good! No plans to move south, we still enjoy living in Maine.” **Dick Michelson** reports: “Life continues to be kind to me. I continue my house building with Habitat for Humanity, roaming around the mountains and traveling.” **Michael Smith** says: “I have resigned as Class Secretary in protest of the Trustees’ decision to change the school’s name.”

Bob Abbott reports: “Best wishes to all my classmates who have supported the school all these years – a small blip in time when one looks at the school’s 242 years. My condolences to Governor Dummer for the Board’s action in dropping his name from the school.”

Haskell Rhett reports: “Last fall Janet and I spent some time getting to know polar bears in Northern Manitoba, and now are packing for an illogical series of trips – Boston, followed by golf and touring in Puerto Rico, followed by my daughter Cecily’s wedding in Santa Barbara, CA. Classmates in the South beware as we’re on the loose from Virginia to Florida this coming May.”

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Jack Pallotta: “We are enjoying our first winter as ‘snowbirds’ down in the Ft. Myers area. Bought a place last spring to use for the winter but really like playing lots of golf, running and listening to the weather reports from home.

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55th Class Reunion

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Steve Bartow recently traveled to Guatemala where he visited Tikal and other important Mayan Ruins. Presently he is tying fishing flies in preparation for the tarpon season. He will again be spending the summer in France at his home in the Pyrenees. Jim Dean just returned from a camping trip on St. John in the Virgin Islands. He is a board member of Habitat for Humanity in NH, and Habitat will be breaking ground for four new houses this spring in southern NH. Ed Elkin has no plans for retirement. He is the medical director of a school health program in NYC school system for NY State Dept. of Health. He oversees 130 school based health centers from K-12. He says the students are fine, and the health providers are very caring. His children are grown up and happy. He will be attending the 50th Reunion.

Joe MacLeod is proud to have a cute new granddaughter by the name of Alexandra. Joe and his wife Carolyn will be going into retirement full time this spring. Future plans are to travel, read, and sail. Jim MacVean plans to cruise through the Panama Canal this February '06. Hopes to attend the 50th Reunion upon his return. He has had some past difficulties with his health. Stan Rhodes is feeling very robust as he approaches his 50th Reunion. Retirement has given him time to travel and look after his grandchildren. And, he still has need for his brush and comb. John Wilson is presently competing this January '06 in the international eight-day Men's Curling Bonspiel Competition in Quebec, Canada. In 2003, his curling team won the World's

silver medal in the Czech Republic. In 2005, his team scored eighth in the Latvian Competition. For only the second time in the history of the sport, the US will host the World Curling Championship in Lowell, MA in '06. John will be competing there. Just got word that Tony Miller will definitely be joining us for our 50th Reunion in June.

1957

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I am reminded that 2007 will be the 50th Reunion Year for the esteemed Class of 1957, enshrined in history as GDA's Brightest. I am advised that since no other class has ever laid claim to that distinction, our title will be retired like Larry Bird's number as the name of our beloved school is cast aside by those with no respect for tradition. 'Nuff said about that, except let's give some positive thought to the 2007 Reunion. (of Governor Dummer Academy, of course). Brian Sullivan surfaced recently to, of all things, commend the Class Secretary on our last letter. No news, but we'll take what we can get. Jeff Fitts continues to be a faithful correspondent as he eases into retirement and his incarnation as a snowbird flitting between Sarasota, Wolfeboro and Framingham. Jeff sent along a photo of him and Howie Clark, '55, which I decided to frame and keep on my bureau at home. Jeff looks great without much hair but Howie has, well, aged not so gracefully. Condolences to Ned Beebe whose dad passed away last summer. Ned's tennis game has been slowed by some torn tendons, now repaired, but Ned's going through some tedious therapy. Good luck, Ned, our Davis Cup Team needs you back! Great email from 'ol friend Mel Blake. Mel's concern now that we have all put the name change behind us, is, in his opinion, the lower number of students attending the top-notch colleges, like Dartmouth, Harvard and, of course, Bowdoin. I hope he follows up with GDA's...oops...GA's leadership on this issue.

Mel has also offered to help plan our 50th so we'll be in touch. **Save the dates** (as soon as we know what they are)! I spent a weekend in Florida recently (R&R) and played golf with Bernie Michaels, Class of, I think, about 1936. Actually '55 and a terrific goalie. Since he plays every day he had no trouble taking me to task, but he really looks great, terrific wife, loyal Governor!

Hardy Bedford says: "Things are about the same in the Bedford family. Oh yes, I did have a run-in with a ladder coming off my roof the other day and managed to break my ankle. Both my wife and my orthopedic surgeon wanted to know what an 'old geezer' like you was doing on the roof. Anyone want to buy a Little Giant Ladder? The infomercial said they were the safest ladder made. NOT!!!"

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News was sparse this time from my classmates. Many of you must be hibernating for the winter!

Don Alexander did send Christmas greetings along with family news. Don is still enjoying his work on the Maine Supreme Court and has published recent updates of

his books, *The Maine Jury Instruction Manual* and *Maine Appellate Practice*. (Wow... those titles appear to be a perfect Maine remedy for insomnia!) Don reports that for recreation he rides his horse every other day or so, stacks wood (that's how he heats), and shovels snow. (Doesn't Don know that judges don't have to ride the circuit any more, can heat with oil, and Maine has had no snow this year?) Don's wife, Barbara, continues to thrive with her utility regulation consulting business, although it involves a lot of travel. Don's and Barbara's big news is that both of his children have made significant transitions. Katherine, age 21, and taking leave from college for a while, is doing real cow-girl (actually horse-girl) work in the Big Sky area of Montana. Don and Barbara visited her in September, staying at the ranch where she is working. Their son, Phil, graduated from the University of Southern Maine in 1999. He is now a member of the Maine State police, patrolling York County, west of the Maine Turnpike. (Whew... I lucked out because my camp is in Oxford County.) Phil and his wife Lori made Don and Barbara grandparents this fall. Don seems to be struggling a little bit with the grandfather designation and has decided that he wants to be called "the old coot." He probably will get no argument about that designation from his classmates. Probably it should be "the old coot, your honor!" In any case, his honor sends everyone best wishes for the New Year.

I heard from **Brad Conant** who writes that their third grandchild was born on September 7. Brad states that they are lucky to have all three grandchildren in the next town, Sudbury. (Now I wonder if he feels the same about the parents!) Brad is retired but he does volunteer work for Habitat for Humanity and for Mass Audubon. Way to go, Brad. Two very worthwhile organizations! Brad also enjoys skiing at Sugarloaf. Brad feels that the name change is ridiculous and a waste of money, effort, and time.

Jim Deveney sent me an email. He encourages classmates to write or email him with their feelings about the changed name. Jim can be reached at the following: email: Tortatharbor@aol.com, phone: MA (978)526-7658, Florida (561) 626-1645. Jim stated that he was against the name change and mailed six or more pages to the trustees before the vote, but to no avail. As you probably know, Jim as president of the Alumni Association, serves on the



At Bob and Bonnie Adams home in West Newbury, MA on Reunion Weekend 2005.
R to L: Peter Stonebraker, Jay Gaffney, Jim Deveney, Bill Vose, John Elwell, Bill Tuxbury, Bob Adams and Malcolm Flint.

Board of Trustees, besides being active at Governor Dummer Academy functions. After renting for ten years in Florida for a month during the winter season, Jim and Sharon bought a place in Palm Beach Gardens last year. Jim is not complaining about being in Florida the whole month of January honing his golf game. Maybe we need a winter reunion of the Class of '60 in Palm Beach Gardens? How many bedrooms you got, Jim? A special thanks to Jim for representing the alumni well on the Board of Trustees.

Well that's all the news I received. I have some news about myself and my family, but since this is a quid pro quo operation, I will just mail my comments to Don, Brad, and Jim. I will save my "big" news for the next Archon. I hope they don't change that name to the GA Reporter or something! I wonder how many new students know what Archon means. Ahhhh...now I am getting too cynical! I better stop here! With that my time is up...I thank you for yours! Remember the porch light is always on for you. I look forward to hearing from many of you for next issue of the class notes.

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Phil Teuscher said that "the last Archon did a Class of 1961 update on my activities - so I'll keep my mouth shut for a while." Phil said that he hoped to make our 45th in June.

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It appears that the name change has been resolved with the selection of The Governor's Academy with a subscript of "formerly Governor Dummer Academy." This will not become true until July 1. That decision, while costly, will put the debate of the name change to rest. I will have to say that the name controversy created the first time since I entered GDA in 1959 that

friends in California finally recognized it as where I went to school! My heart is still wrapped up in the old school because of memories that were formulated more than four decades ago under very positive circumstances. It must have come from matriculating at the school under Ted Eames and Val Wilkie.

I hope we can entice everyone to go back for the 45th in '07. I remember taking my grandfather (Princeton, '06; that's 1906!) to his 50th and 60th reunions at Princeton. Those events laid the foundation for me to always look forward to reunion events and feel a sense of loyalty to our alma maters. Use your reunion as a time to "get in shape." I want to encourage everyone to get back on the bike, hike, go to the gym, and play golf or whatever. This is no time to slack off.

For you golfers, "Peb" aka **Albert Clifford Rock III** emailed me with a note indicating that he has had three more "holes in one" since '99! Peb still owns and operates First Arizona Credit where he is a consumer advocate for consumers in credit distress. He further reports that he has handled some 9,000 settlements and dispersed \$10,000,000 helping clients buy or refinance homes.

I spoke to **John Tarbell** today and he was bemoaning the state of his body. John, Anne and Liza went to Deer Valley, Utah for a family ski holiday at Christmas time. Somehow those legs just don't respond in the same way. John also reported that **Denis Golden** is among the missing since reunion time. We know he will show up; he always does, with his latest venture and stories in tow.

All the best wishes to **Tim McNally** as he recovers from a recent heart attack.

Bob MacLaughlin still resides in Maine, from where he reports that "things are going well down east. I'm enjoying life on South Pond in Warren and I am doing less and less work and more and more play. Lots of kayaking, backpacking, running, cross-country skiing and racquetball, and I've added two new obsessions to the list. A year ago, I got into five-rhythm ecstatic dancing, which is free-form movement for 2-3 hours that's very aerobic and often spiritual and therapeutic as well. No steps to remember, and you don't have to ask anyone to dance. For Xmas, I gave myself a pair of ice skates

so I can keep up with a woman I'm dating who is a figure skater. That first time on the ice in 43 years was pretty ugly, but fortunately all my neighbors had gone back to New Jersey or wherever for the winter, so nobody saw me. I remember being captain of the GDA JV hockey team two years in a row simply because Mac Murphy had no room on the varsity for a player who couldn't skate backwards or turn to his right. Believe it or not, I'm actually improving now. Running is still easier, though, and I'm starting to train for the Portland marathon in October. Yesterday, three huge bald eagles landed on the lake in front of the house and helped themselves to some ice-fishing holes made in the morning. At first, I thought they were wild turkeys, of which there are a lot these days. In May, the loons will return, and I will be paddling here and in the bay. Oh, and I've shifted by mail delivery to a mail box at the top of the road. My new mailing address is 190 Birch Lane, Warren, ME 04864."

My reports are that Barbara and **Burke Leahey** have managed to weather the hurricane seasons in Florida for another year. Burke and Barb still maintain residences in Duxbury and Bonita Springs quite nicely. **Frank Bond** is still active in falconry in his native New Mexico. If you have ever seen this incredible sport in action, it is a thrill and marvel to see Frank fly his bird. **Ted Moore** and his wife Ginny still report that life in Alaska is great. They seem to find plenty of time to engage in kayaking, cross country skiing and other outdoor sports. Last summer, they took off in Prince William Sound for a two-week adventure. They reported seeing very few people and thoroughly enjoying the time together. Ted indicated that he is planning to return to Swarthmore for his 40th reunion in June. I had a wonderful conversation with **Colin Studds**. We talked more about our respective children than anything to do with what is going on in our lives, which was fine. Colin's namesake, Colin has been studying sea birds for a number of years and is about to pursue a study of the American Red Stork at the University of Maryland. Colin's other son is building a house.

Both of the Tobey girls, Rachel and Kirsten, will be married this year. My wife Karen has been very involved with a Global Week at the Palo Alto school, where she has

taught for 30 years. As part of the special curriculum at the school, last week she was very involved with helping to host Al and Tipper Gore (speaking on Global Warming), the author of the documentary *The Lost Boys of Sudan*, and one of the impressive young men who was featured in the film. As for me, I am trying to have a resurgence into running, having placed third in my age group in a 10K on my last birthday. Hey, there were four in my age group! I was delighted to have finished. I had my future son-in-law, Will (an intern in emergency medicine) by my side just in case! See you all next time.

1963

*Class of 1963
Needs Secretary*

Bob McGilvray reports: "What has happened regarding the school's name change debate? I await the outcome of that before I decide whether to leave a large endowment fund to Governor Dummer Academy (Not new-name generic marketing option A, B, or . . .) or to the SPCA. Cheers."

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*Class of 1966
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David Hartz moved to Chehalis, WA in 2005 and bought a book/art store – “Book ‘n’ Brush.” Still playing soccer in an indoor, coed league. Email: booknbrush@gmail.com.

George Tower reports: “Greetings from San Diego. I hope any of my classmates or friends from GDA will contact me if visiting San Diego. I manage vacation rentals in San Diego and Nantucket. I am also in process of restoring a Victorian house in the downtown area which I attach as photo. Hope all is well. P.S. My sister Joan Tower is touring her piece, *Made in America*, around the country.”

1967

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Dwight Reid’s daughter Emily, a Union College grad like Win Burt, is working at Brigham & Women’s Hospital recruiting volunteers for various sleep research projects. Dwight has just hit the quarter-century mark at Crane & Company, the stationery manufacturer. Speaking of Milestone hotshots, Larry Miller has moved from Wilmington, Delaware to Silver Spring, Maryland, where he works for the United Way of the National Capital Area. Son Elliott is a dean’s list sophomore majoring in physics at the Rochester Institute of Technology. Harvard President Larry Summers asked Bob Bass to co-chair the President’s Advisory Committee on the Allston Initiative to determine what the university should build on the other side of the Charles River. Now approaching the 20-year mark in Stuart, Florida, George Swift has moved over to Comerica Bank and heads up the private banking group. He has done so much traveling in Ecuador, Guatemala, Costa Rica, and other Latin countries that George has learned Spanish. An avid catch-and-release fisherman, the former GDA wrestler once reeled in a bull shark weighing about 400 pounds.

Dave Marsh reports that he has officially transferred what little psycho-energy he has left from the Beatles to David Ortiz, Jason Varitek, Manny (being Manny) Ramirez, and the AL Wild Card 2006 winning Red Sox. More news from the Ambrose



George Tower's '66 Victorian house that he is restoring in downtown San Diego.

boys: Mick Doolittle is in-house counsel at Foulger-Pratt, developing real estate in the Washington, DC, area. He and Laurie have now been married for 32 years, and their youngest daughter, Morgan, is a junior at UConn. Britt graduated from Wake Forest magna cum laude and is headed to law school in the fall. Erin is teaching kindergarten in Frederick County, Maryland. Wayne Noel is happy to be back in southern New Hampshire, where he is working for a small woodworking and cabinet shop about five miles from his house. The big news is that Wayne has joined the Class of '67 Grandpa Club. Zoe was born September 19. September was a memorable month for Roger Block, too. After a six-month courtship, he and Amy got married. They sold their sailboats and bought the one that both have always wanted. Roger and Amy broke it in during a five-week honeymoon in the Pacific Northwest’s San Juan and Gulf Islands. Five weeks? Roger retired two weeks ago, so he can get away with this sort of thing.

Joe Story is one-third of the way through his three-year term as a selectman for the Town of Newbury, and he is neck-deep in school funding, water and sewer issues, and other matters. Other selectmen talked him into running one day when he showed up at Town Hall to pay his taxes. “They told me I should do it because I tell it like it is, have a thick skin, and have no political aspirations.” Joe retains an interest in Cask & Flagon, the storied bar next to Fenway Park, and he says that the major renovation there should be done by Opening

Day. One of Joe’s constituents, Doug Curtis, reports that London-based daughter Lindsay '97 is flying to Hong Kong, Singapore, New York, and elsewhere to conduct briefings for JPMorganChase. Virginia is a store manager at Club Monaco on 84th St. in Manhattan.

JPMorganChase also employs Bill Dougherty in Rochester. Since November, Bill has spent a lot of his time daydreaming about Ava, his first grandchild. In March, he jetted off to Cambridge University to see his son Andrew graduate. Coming up is the commencement at Case Western, where Lauren will receive a B.A. Another of Percy



During a family trip to the Grand Caymans on Super Bowl Weekend, Reid Pugh '67 (center) made some new friends: Miss March and Miss October, Playboy 2004. “They were impressed to learn that I still have every Playboy issue starting mid-1963, a collection I obviously started at GDA.”

Rogers' Spanish scholars, **Reid Pugh** opted for "a very sensitive and quiet birthday" in January. He spent the night of that Friday the 13th singing and strumming in his favorite bar/restaurant. On Super Bowl Weekend, Reid and his three children took another of their winter island trips, this time to the Grand Cayman. Both of **Rem Clark's** daughters are working for Nike in the Bay State, while Tyler is a sophomore at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, which recently celebrated its centennial. The Oklahoma grass fires in December stayed west of **Rick Jensen's** farm in Bristow. He's relieved about that but thinks the Red Sox are doomed after all that transpired during the winter. Up in British Columbia, **Anne-Marie Laverty** and boyfriend George Dunning have taken in the 19-year-old daughter of a close friend who died in 2004. Ashley is a sophomore at the University of Virginia and suddenly has taken off academically. Meantime, Anne-Marie has completed *The Train to Wherever It Is* and is searching for a publisher. Another of our professors, University of Texas' **Ted Dix**, is as pleased with teaching as he has ever been and feels he has some terrific graduate and undergraduate students. "The research is particularly interesting these days," Ted wrote, "because we have observed things in very young children that most people (psychologists included) don't expect: That the best mothers—those who are sensitive, responsive, and free of depression—have the most defiant one-year-olds."

As part of the Rackham Symphony Choir, **Don Gay** was in Chicago in January to sing *Too Hot to Handel*, a jazz gospel version of the original Handel's *Messiah*. His next major production will be *Aida*, with the Michigan Opera Theatre. This spring, Don plans to referee lacrosse and celebrate Candace's graduation from the University of Michigan. **Lew Rumford's** seven-year effort to help Bell Multicultural Public High School was rewarded in February by the opening of the first new middle and high school complex in Washington in decades. His daughter Julia, a Vanderbilt junior, spent a semester in London, while Grace has started at Middlebury after a fall of mountaineering in the Northwest with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS). Our

other Maryland native, Perry Point's own **Alan Rothfeld**, says he has been doing more teaching and less ministering to patients. He is enjoying his weekly class at the Keck Graduate Institute for Applied Life Sciences; Alan's son William is an undergraduate at nearby Claremont and attends the class. "It's the only time I see him, though I'm not sure he is entirely into the theoretical biology," Alan says. His daughter, Christine, has decided to attend law school.

Jay Marsh reports on "a rather insane moment" when he and Tommie purchased a "blue water" (a number have circumnavigated the globe) 1979 Tartan 37 sailboat in Florida and took it to Lake Ouachita in Arkansas. He estimates that it will take them a year to restore the boat to "like new" condition. "We've got sailing fever bad." **Wil Poon** continues to get around. Last year he made two trips to Hong Kong and another to Sicily and Rome, while fitting in some skiing, mostly in Vail. Rotator cuff surgery a year ago has slowed down his ice hockey career. If you're traveling through New Hampshire, keep an eye out for Citizen's Bank branches because **Paul Hemmerich** is designing the upgrades for many of them. Daughter Amanda has spent the last two summers out west engaged in wildland fire management, and her crew stopped in Louisiana to distribute food and water to Katrina's victims.

Tom Taylor's youngest, Andy, is about to graduate from Amherst, and to celebrate the last tuition payment, all five Taylors spent a week skiing in Park City, Utah, in January. A geology major, Andy wrote his thesis about climate change, based on research last summer in the Dominican Republic. Tom works for a company in Hartford that provides financial and valuation services to issuers and purchasers of commercial mortgage-backed securities, and he travels all over the country. He said, "I think that the school's new name is a vast improvement, and I applaud Dan and the board for not running away from a tough decision." **Roy Meyers** is managing several real estate partnerships in Key Biscayne, investing in residential and commercial properties. To invest, call 305-361-3387. Both his dogs seem happy down there. **Ben Beach's** daughter Emily co-captained the University of

Maryland's field hockey team to the NCAA title last fall and was named an All-American.

1968

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Chuck Johnson wrote: "The past year has been relatively quiet for Chris and me. No weddings, births, or other life altering events [grin]. The highlight of the year was helping our son Brian and his wife Pam move into their own house, a 1910 Craftsman in Ballard (northern Seattle suburb). Tiny at 750 sq. ft. but in great condition with almost everything still original, right down to the claw-foot cast iron tub and knob and tube wiring. But now our life pace is speeding up again with several events to look forward to: my 30-year mark as a Federal public servant, my niece's wedding, a two-week concert tour of China with the Sacramento Choral Society (I just carry the suitcases while Chris does the singing). Have appreciated the heartfelt dialog surrounding the GDA name change and am ready to help the Academy move on to the next level. Wishing everyone a wondrous and prosperous New Year."

Harry Kangis informs: "Okay, you asked, so two cents on the name change from a 25-yr, marketing guy: These days you either embrace change or get crushed by it. The name change is for future generations of students, and the data strongly suggests we need to do this to stay vital. Nobody is going to confiscate the yearbooks, hats and T-shirts from the rest of us with the older memories. It's the experience and the friends, not a logo." **Charles Johnson's** frustration is evident in his writing. "Dan, not much to report on a personal note. Due to the name change issue and my opposition to it, I have greatly modified my relationship with the school. Let's leave it at that. I'm sure there are classmates whose support falls on both sides of the issue and we can discuss it at reunion, if so inclined. Now I'm down to a relationship with classmates and I hope that can

continue far into the future. While it is disturbing to lose GDA, it is reassuring to retain a relationship with classmates."

Will Black writes from his new location. "Relocated to Memphis area...think I like warmer weather. On the name issue, I was just informed by another classmate that the name change is official. 'The Governor's Academy'. As I have indicated in some e-mail correspondence, while I am not thrilled with the idea, I can certainly live with it. I would urge those who are vehemently opposed to reconsider at this point. **Bob Martin** now is living in Chicago. He has gone back to college again to get his third degree- English, culinary, counseling/human services. The state exam is in 2007 and then he has to go back to work. Bob likes the new name change.

All is well with my troops. My daughter is getting married in July so that is pretty much the focus around the house. My boys continue to live in the north, Sean in New Haven and David in NYC. David was recently in a Sam Shepard play and was reviewed in the New York Times. It turns out that the Times critic was sitting in front of me the night I attended the play. Had I known, I would not have spilled my drink on her.

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Josh Miner, who retired from the Board of Trustees after a distinguished term of service to The Academy, writes in to say that he ran into **Peter Dorsey** at the Ansel Adams exhibit at the MFA. Peter was accompanied by his wife, Susie, and his daughter, Eliza. Eliza is currently at Shore Country Day School and definitely wants to follow her father, her uncle, her god-father (Jeff Gordon) and her brother to GDA. Josh mentioned that he had just returned from a ski trip in British Columbia with his son, Joshua '98.

"**Joe McIntire** reporting for duty. Sadly, last year I sold my quite successful B & B, The Rattle Snake Inn, in Portsmouth, NH.

Great memories, including the weekend that both Duke & the Drivers and Aerosmith stayed there at the same time. Whoa!!! Recently celebrated my 57th birthday and can't tell you how thrilled I was when Neckie, Conrad, Harold Hudson, Paul Stella, and Mole Cole drove up in a pink limo. Everyone must have gained about 50 lbs. that weekend. Please send my best wishes to **Tim Tenney** and **Bob Amsler**."

Jack Connelly reports: "Our oldest, Alex, started college this year. He's at the University of Vermont (my alma mater) so we'll be spending more time out east. My wife, Terri, and our other kids Silas (16) and Sophie (10) and I are still playing lots of soccer and enjoying life in Madison Wisconsin. Hope all is well in Byfield."

Walter Cannon is still busy as a full time thoracic surgeon at Stanford University Hospital at the Palo Alto Clinic. He placed 11th in the National Gliding Championships last summer and continues to restore antique gliders and airplanes. He now has four grandkids. "Trying unsuccessfully to retire."

Greg Wellman reports: "Since mid-November, I have been employed full-time as a Sr. Axapta Consultant with Business Management International, Inc. (BMI). Although the company's headquarters are in New York City, the Axapta practice has customers nationwide. As a result, I report to their ERP Practice Manager based in the Chicago area, and am able to stay in the D/FW area for the foreseeable future."

Steven Worthen says, "Printha Platt and I were married in our apple orchard at home on October 15, 2005 with many family, friends, theatre, fishing, weaving and other groups in attendance. The world premiere chamber work we are in will have its second performance on April 1, 2006 at Cotten Auditorium in Fort Bragg, CA. The piece for chorus, chamber orchestra, soloist and narrators is "Voices from Earth in a Nuclear Age" by Sara Kreigar, composer and conductor. While honeymooning in October, we both took in *Dr. Atomic*, John Adams' current world premiere opera at the San Francisco Opera. He lives in SF area and lectured to the audience prior to the production. He is known for *Nixon in China*, *The Death of Klinghoffer*, among other operas. It was inspirational, as we came home for a Voices rehearsal right after seeing *Dr. Atomic*. (The first atom bomb tests in Alamogordo, NM.) This fall I portrayed "Charlie (the

mailman)" in Mendocino Theatre Company's (MTC) production of *On Golden Pond*. I will be producing a concert version of *Porgy and Bess* for The Mendocino Music Festival as well as *Funny Girl* for The Gloriana Opera Company here in Fort Bragg. Both productions will be this summer. When they are over, I may play in Neil Simon's *The Sunshine Boys* for MTC in November. I am displeased with the Academy name change. I remember being teased by a local veterinarian neighbor in Lynn, MA when I was a student: Go in smart and come out Dummer. Ha ha. What a twerp."

1970

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Henry Eaton says: "All seems to be well with the Eaton family, and I am grateful for that. Brooke '03 is spending her spring semester at a Boston University program in London. She reports she is working hard, enjoying her time in London and traveling to nice places like Paris and Barcelona (Prague is on the radar screen). Perry '08 is making great strides in his sophomore year at GDA, studying hard, playing hard, looking forward to the Florida baseball trip and staying busy as a musician, now playing the bass in the jazz band and also working out on the drums and twanging on the guitar as well. Cathy and I are both busy with our work, she as a professor, while I toil in the courts of the Commonwealth. We are fortunate to have a second home in Newburyport and are truly enjoying the time we get to spend in such close proximity to GDA. Cathy has spent many hours volunteering in the Admissions Office and I am learning what it is like to be a Trustee of our fine Academy. Best wishes to all my classmates."

Tom Price would officially like to stand in the shoes of his 20-year-old son, Pen (a junior at Davidson College) who is spending the semester in Athens, Greece, and reports that "he is somehow having more fun there than I am in ultra-snowy Jamestown, NY, even though snow has recently graced the Acropolis also. Reports this past weekend of

a huge snow-dump on Boston brought back memories of morning trudges to breakfast in the occasional blizzard. Classes, to my knowledge, were never cancelled. We had to wait for the surprise 'free day' that was sprung on us once a semester. I wonder if that custom survives. Speaking of the trudges, we used to amuse ourselves by keeping track of the 'wipe-outs' suffered by each of us on the treacherous paths to the dining hall. **Welch** and **Blakney** always lead the league, or did I? Best wishes to all at GDA."

Jeb Bradley writes that he has returned from his third trip to Iraq as a congressman from southern New Hampshire. "We are making progress training the Iraqi Security forces-the key to our men and women returning home." Keep up the good work, **Jeb**. **Randy Whitney** is about to "turn 30" in the paper business. Not a small feat considering the changes in the industry. He also writes that this is his last turn as Class Secretary for his class of 1970. He waits anxiously for another classmate to step forward. "It's been a great ride chronicling everyone's lives. I'll miss it and look forward to following your achievements in future issues of *The Archon*." **Randy's** daughter, Catherine '01 is now employed by Ernst and Young in Boston as a financial analyst.

Jeff Brown writes that daughter, Molly, after graduating from college this past spring, is now living in Raleigh, NC working for American Dance Theater. Travels back east were not as frequent as before; Jeff's wife's parents require more attention now. Jeff did, however, see one Red Sox game in Boston. Next summer, more visits?

called ARC Technology in the Advanced Materials Department making radar absorbent materials. Most of the contracts are for the government at the present time... so there's job security."

James Fleming writes: "Now it's my turn to cry that I have two children in college at the same time. I guess others in our class are in the same boat."

As for me, the days here in Florida have been tough with all of these hurricanes, but, we will just have to deal with those situations. My son Kristoffer just started college this year and I am extremely proud of him. **James (Fleming)**, I will cry along with you - however, our families supported us many years ago, and we will need to keep up the tradition of seeing our kids through. **Wayne**, I'm glad to hear the good news on your health - stay well. To the rest of our class - I encourage you to stay in touch. Let us know how you're doing. Until next time, I hope you all are doing well. Your retiring Class Secretary, **Mario Rivera**.

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Bruce W. Sheldon reports: "I still live in Darien, CT with my wife (Jody) and daughter (Lee). My son (Matt) is off at college in Florida as a freshman. I am a commercial real estate broker with Pyramid Real Estate Group and have been at this firm for 11 years. I concentrate mostly in representing tenants and landlords in the office market in Stamford, CT and Fairfield County, CT, as well as sales of investment properties. My office is based in Stamford and I have been in the business for over 21 years. Now

that my son is off at college, most of my time is spent watching my daughter (sophomore) play field hockey, lacrosse and run track for Darien High School. I also spend a lot of time in the car, driving her and her friends to various high school activities, movies, etc, etc. (I can't wait for her to get her driver's license this coming fall!) I'm glad the name change to GDA is over and finalized, and I do approve of the new name; however, I will always refer to the school as Governor Dummer Academy, like most people who attended the school in the past. I look forward to attending future alumni receptions in New York and Connecticut and visiting the campus sometime soon. I welcome classmates to drop me an e-mail at: bruce@pyramidregroup.com."

Art Scangas says: "We are in our third year of publishing *Inside Weddings* magazine, a quarterly national bridal magazine catering to an affluent, educated and independent reader. My partner **Walt Shepard** and I started the publication as a local Southern California free newspaper and transitioned to a paid magazine in 2004. We are in every Barnes and Noble and Borders in the US as well as newstands and markets. Check out our website: insideweddings.com and drop me an email to art@insideweddings.com."

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Thanks for all your work on behalf of the '74 class.

Greg Connolly reports: "My wife **Jeannie**, an art teacher in the Monadnock area of NH, and I split time these days between Peterborough and Franconia, New Hampshire. My daughter **Whitney** is finishing this spring at **Elon University** in NC, and my son **Peter** is a sophomore at the **University of Richmond** in VA. Both went to **Holderness School** previously. Still working in manufacturing currently with **Forward Industries Inc.** All is well."

As for your scribe, I am busy building a

1971

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Wayne Gray writes: "Hello to everyone. I think that I'm finally through with all the medical problems I had. The latest tests I had this summer were negative; so, hopefully, the colon cancer is behind me now. I'm working at a new job in Amesbury, MA,

residential real estate career in Fairfield County while my husband toils away in the legal field. My oldest is going to high school next year and my youngest is going into seventh grade.

1975

Class of 1975

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Dan Clayman said I finally “bludgeoned” him into writing! Whatever works! He says his marriage to Terri is still going strong and his twin daughters, Mollie and Emma, are healthy and happy, albeit overworked, ninth graders. He doesn’t recall our ninth grade curriculum was quite as heavy as the kids have now. His sculpture keeps three studio assistants and him very busy. Gallery exhibits, commissions and upcoming museum showings make for days that are not quite long enough for everything he wants to accomplish. And to add to his workload, he and Terri are close to purchasing a small, circa 1920 mill building in East Providence to house his studio operation. His current studio digs have gone the way of many mill buildings and have turned “CONDO.”

Dion Entekhabi says he is grateful for the class trying to stay in touch and wishes everyone a Happy New Year! He also said that his family was at the time of his note sitting at the eye of the storm in uptown Tehran, waiting for somebody to push the wrong button! He says life is certainly not boring and his family is enjoying a few feet of snow out in the backyard. The garden had turned into a giant slope for the kids.

Stephanie Farrar wrote that she is still pursuing her designer doggie treats business. She also enjoyed a visit to her old stomping grounds here in NE. She spent some time with her 97-year-old aunt as well as a week in Worcester with her husband Craig’s nieces and nephew and their kids. No sooner did she get home, her mom visited them in Texas for her 75th birthday and for a couple of months after that. Stephanie has also been doing more remodeling on their house. She is looking forward to a busy New Year with friends moving to Texas, starting new ventures and celebrating the Year of the Dog!!! **Lisa Johnson** says that all is well in Byfield.

Her extended family is great, and work and house construction keeps all of them busy. She hopes all is well with everyone “as we all approach and pass the half century mark.” Thanks for that reminder, Lisa! **Anne Mackay-Smith Vance** wrote that she finds it hard to write for the notes because she doesn’t feel like she has done anything of note. I beg to differ, Anne. She is at home raising her 14-year-old daughter, Lisa (nicknamed for Lisa Johnson!), and her nine-year-old son, Mike. She also does a lot of volunteer work and writing in her spare time.

Craig McConnell said that he and his wife, Kristi, had a very quiet end of the year. His parents visited from Maryland for a couple of days before Christmas until New Year’s Eve. They visited with each other and with friends. We missed him at the reunion due to a sudden conflict at work; he was called to another nuke plant that they run! But he also missed his vacation because of it as well. His family of wife and two cats has grown by two Golden Retrievers rescued from the animal rescue league. Evidently, these two “pups” have never suffered an empty food dish as they weigh in at over 100 pounds each! Craig says he is sorry for having to miss the reunion but will try his level best to be there in 2010. **Wendy O’Brien** said I also managed to tug at her guilt so she writes that she is in her last semester of nursing school. She will soon be an RN! She said she wishes she had worked so hard at GDA. Nonetheless, congratulations, Wendy. She is loving life in Wolfeboro, NH and sees **Jim Roome** and Jim’s brother, **Reg ’73**, quite often. Son, Andy, is a junior at Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro and daughter, Alicia, has been visiting prep schools in anticipation of next fall. Wendy, Andy, and Alicia visited GDA recently. She said while she has always had pride in her school, that pride doubled that day. The campus is stunning, the educational resources so impressive, dorms are bright and cheerful, and, despite it being exam week, the students were very friendly! Yes, Wendy, I think we all are very proud of having been a part of GDA for what it was then and what it is now.

Rich O’Leary writes, after some arm twisting on my part, that there is no huge news from his end. Son, Tim, is a freshman at Brunswick School and daughter, Sarah, is in seventh grade at Stanwich School, both in Greenwich. Although he can’t imagine the source, they are both Thespians. Tim just fin-

ished playing Caliban in *The Tempest* and Sarah played the lead in *Honk* last spring. Rich finds that this is a good means of vicariously reliving his time back on the stage at GDA. He sends his best to all ’75ers and is looking forward to the next reunion. **Bud Rice** has been living in the D.C. area for the past five years. He is married with two kids, one teenager and one having left the nest a while ago. Bud is working as a communication systems engineer but has taken the time to send his best to all of his GDA classmates. Thanks, Bud. And best to you and yours!

Mike Sapuppo writes from northern California that he is enjoying the snowboarding season at Tahoe. His sister **Lisa ’78**, has moved to San Diego, having felt the joy of warm weather and sunshine everyday! I can attest to that! It seems this was a major move for a true blue New Englander. Mike will be coaching his daughter’s softball team again this spring. It seems her team was only one out away from beating the division champions last year. And they spent the week before Christmas on Kauai. Nice!

Jack Swenson and his wife Rikki continue to enjoy working as guides and instructors on special Photo Expeditions for Lindblad Expeditions. After spending a white Christmas in Antarctica aboard the company’s flagship, The National Geographic Endeavour, they are particularly looking forward to their 2006 schedule which will take them to mostly warmer locations. They left for East Africa to lead a small photo safari group, followed by ship trips to Baja/California for whale watching, two voyages to the South Pacific this summer, then Galapagos and Costa Rica/Panama later in the year. Oh yea, he says they have a short trip to Alaska this summer. They are planning to spend as much of the year in shorts and T-shirts as possible. To quote Jack, “Ain’t life grand?” Indeed! Bon Voyage!

Yours truly, **Pamela Pandapas**, has been staying busy with the usual work on the house, with an addition planned for this spring. I still don’t do a lot of tax law, which is fine with me! I have admittedly spent some time coercing my classmates to send their news to me...quite shamelessly! But it is always fun to hear from you all. I hope you keep it up. And another appeal to those of you who see our classmates who didn’t write in; please encourage them to send their e-mail addresses to me so I can put them on my class list. Until next time, classmates, take care.

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Joey Pietrafesa writes that he is newly single. He is in the commercial real estate business, he loves it and all is going well. He is busy raising his two youngest, Christina (15) and Joseph (13). He says hello to all. It seems that there was an impromptu get-together over Thanksgiving at Vicki Papaouano Murphy's house in Haverhill. Joey and David Phippen were there.... Tracie Ackerman's back went out at the last minute and she couldn't make it. I think she just didn't want to drive all the way from Newton to Haverhill and not get home in one piece! I heard that Vicki's husband, John, was making quesadillas in the living room. That's one benefit of being a chef – you can cook anywhere and have it be a success. Vicki and John just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Could it really have been that long ago that some of us did Greek dances at their reception?

Heather Blair wrote me last October; unfortunately, she just missed the deadline. Here is what she wrote: "My husband Robb Cutler and I were at GDA on Wednesday --

the campus looks great -- and had dinner with Eric Laub and his wife Donna that evening. Robb and I were back East just for a few days; we live in California now and both work at The Harker School, a K-12 independent day school in San Jose. I'm Academic Dean for K-12 and Robb is Assistant Head for Operations and Finance. All five of our kids attend Harker – we cover grades 2, 3, 5, 7, and 9 and have at least one child on each of Harker's three campuses. I'd love to hear from former classmates and/or see people who make the trip out West."

Val (Turner) Harris emailed me from England. I last heard from her eight years ago! Since then she has re-married. She runs an art gallery and art workshops just outside Guildford, 20 miles from Wimbledon. Her daughter Kate (18) is now living in London and is hoping to go to art school. Her son Freddie (12) starts at Eton in September. Her husband Tom is into old Jaguar cars. In 2000 the two of them drove from London to Beijing in an old 1955 Jaguar 140 – it took them six weeks and was "wicked." You can go on her website www.cedarhousegallery.co.uk to find out more or send her an e-mail. She would really love to see someone from 30 years ago! Shelly Marean has moved to Santa Fe with her family. She writes that they are really enjoying living in a foreign country. Shelly, I've heard that about parts of New Mexico from classmates in my on-line class. Must be quite the culture shock. And last, but certainly not least, Perry Long sent a postcard. I will close with his note: "Change is the only constant thing in life. A name is just a name, it does not change the place." Thank you, Perry.

Good wishes to all.

1978

Class of 1978
Needs Secretary

Alexandra Keirstead is enjoying a mild winter in Charlotte, North Carolina, with her husband James, Nick (10) and Cecilia (8). "Still an Independent Sales Director with The Pampered Chef, spreading the news on healthy home cooking. She



Carrie Nissi '77 in the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge

was in Massachusetts in October for niece's wedding and took a Sunday drive through the campus – looking good! On the subject of the name change: I've always heard that it is the school that makes the name, not the name that makes the school. Oh, well. Live, love, laugh." M. Philip Graham reports: "I am still living in New Hampshire working in healthcare market research. I have been the choir leader at my local Eastern Orthodox Church since 1990. I enjoy working with the youth members, and we also have long-time adult singers."

1979

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As winter hits, it seems that many pens and keyboards were frozen. Just a few notes to publish. Hopefully, when the thaw comes, the info will flow again.

Randy Tye O'Brien had a great time at the Alumni(ae) basketball game catching up with (literally), John Perlowski, Henry

Rosen and me, both on and off the court. She was thrilled to be welcomed by all as she joined in the men's event. She stepped up with the men and boys and held her own on the court. But it wasn't enough as the youngsters prevailed in a contest marred by inconsistent officiating. You just can't pay 'em off like you used to. It certainly was an "Old Timer" starting five as the game opened with the four of us and my brother, **Todd '78**. Randy's daughter Molly (who definitely won the "height" category in the gene pool) is 12 and son Conor is nine. Molly is applying to Thayer for this fall and is into singing and acting. Conor is the athlete in the family, and usually can't decide which sport is his favorite. **Henry Rosen** toughed it out with a bad back. Apparently the covert pharmacy was open and the pain was assuaged, but he probably wouldn't have been eligible to play in the Olympics. **Jim Ronan** did not show up for the Alumni game and that's all I have to say about that.

Stu Cawley writes that in early December he showed his boys "why you shouldn't run on the playground by failing to duck under the monkey bars (always a risk for us tall folks), fracturing my neck and literally scalping myself in the process. Note to doctors: neither greeting patients with the question Do you have a Living Will? nor repeating the phrase 'Don't panic' once every five minutes does much to instill your patients with confidence. Having shaved what was left of my locks, I'm currently envious of **John Perlowki's** fertile follicular foliage, but I am hoping to have my freak flag flying at full mast once again by Reunion '09."

Lisa Law is still stalking Aerosmith. Not really, though Steven Tyler is actually on a first name basis with her. She gave him cookies that she made and a scarf while backstage at the concert in NC. He followed up to thank her by leaving a voicemail on her cell phone. Not too shabby.

As for me, **Troy Dagres**, still doing the residential finance thing in MA and NH. My son, Andrew, has applied to GDA to enter in the fall. The admissions decisions are mailed out in March, so by the time you read this, we will have an answer. That's all I have this time. Please make an effort to drop me some info next time around. Your devoted Class secretary.

1980

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Greetings and salutations, classmates. New Year, new car, new job lots of new stuff up here in New Hampshire, and some new stuff on campus too, but I digress. Haven't heard from many of you this time around. Hey Fain, when are you making another trip? Did hear from **Erica Baum Goode**, down on the South Shore. She is a mom of three: Madeline (13); Lily (11); and Davis (8). They've been in Hingham for 15 years and a few years ago built a house about 50 yards from our old house. Her daughter Lily is being coached by **Kevin Callahan** this year on a town basketball team! Not only was he a great player, but he's also a great coach! She does a lot of volunteer work in town. Her husband, Chris, has been with EMC in Hopkinton for awhile handling their govt/community affairs and public policy. Still think of the old days at GDA! Wishing everybody a happy 2006! And Erica, you have a new set of neighbors not too far down the road. **Neda Boyd** and her husband Bob just, literally the Friday before the Super Bowl, moved down to Halifax. So, get ready to update your rolodex or, for you tech savvy folks, one more update to your Blackberry and Outlook contact. Neda Boyd, 20 Arrowhead Path, Halifax, MA 02338, 781-293-7027.

John Fain says: "We finally received rain after a month or so of a statewide burning ban. That is rough when Texans can't burn their trash in 50-gallon drums behind their trailers! Sort of have to improvise by alternate techniques of allowing it to blow out of the back of the pick-up bed as one drives 90 miles to nowhere. The second approach is to just bury it with a friend's backhoe. And of course New York City style is to allow it to stack up and smell like hell. Laura and I had dinner with **Russ Savraan** who is responsible for the rain. Seems he brought it with him after spending 30 days in Seattle on business. We had a nice visit and Russ had a picture of his Seattle car. A 1960 black and white Nash Rambler. Very

cool. He was emphatic that with that car you don't need a personality: Everyone will talk to you. Since it is the only one like it in all of Seattle he seems to have the town at his feet. I didn't ask him when he was planning to bring it back to Connecticut. That may prove a long drive. I have been in constant contact with **Carl and Whitney Schwartz**. I can't wait to get back up there. Perhaps we should crash the Class of 1981's 25th Reunion! It would be fun to see all those old friends that were behind us for so many years!! When you are within 250 miles of Houston, please call me. 713-828-2202 on my cell. Come on down for a few concerts. Kinky Friedman is running for Governor of Texas. It should be exciting."

1981

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25th Class Reunion

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The winter months have been brightened significantly for me through the get-togethers that reunion planning has afforded. Each of the planning meetings we've had has turned into a mini reunion in and of itself! The whole process has us all the more excited to get as many '81ers back to campus as possible!

It is so hard to believe that 25 years have passed. I find whenever we get together that those years melt away, and there is a lot of laughter! By know I hope that most of you have heard from someone on the reunion committee. We really are so anxious to speak to everyone in the class, and make sure everyone has Reunion built into their spring schedule!

In addition to all of the fun planning we've been doing, we have discussed the name change and regret that the timing of the change coincides with our 25th. That said, we are determined to make the best of it! We are aware of the opposition many members of our class felt, and continue to

feel about the change. I have always felt that one of the great attributes of our class is the strength of our loyalty to GDA and the experiences we shared there. In addition, as a group we always had a bit of a rebellious streak, and were never afraid to assert our point of view. In that spirit, I think we should try to make the last reunion of Governor Dummer Academy really memorable. Perhaps it is only fitting that a class that was so proud of its affiliation with the school, honor its name for the last time before the change to The Governor's Academy.

I received quite a few wonderful Christmas cards from classmates— families getting bigger, and children growing up. We have quite an age range represented by the children in our class from toddlers straight through to college students.

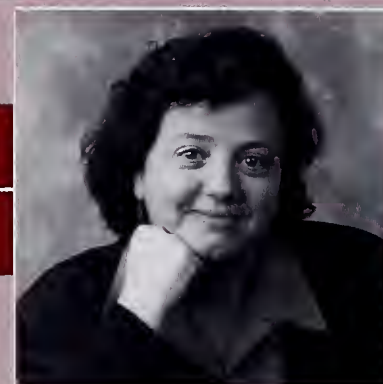
Let me pass on other news...

It has been terrific to catch up with Larry Schwartz through our meetings for reunion. He gave me the following update to pass on. "My wife Kate and I live in Manchester, MA — we moved back from San Francisco ten years ago. I founded a private equity firm, The Wenham Group, two years ago. Although the investment focus is international, the firm itself is also based on the North Shore. On the home front, we're in the process of adopting a one-year old girl from Russia. So we are back and forth these days to Moscow — hoping that is completed by February. That will be our sixth child (and second adopted). The house has been taken over by children, dogs, cats, hamsters and goldfish! Chaos, but always entertaining. Got together recently with EOB, Red, Lisa, Tracey, TJ and Jenny — always good to see that it takes only about 30 seconds for us to easily slide back right to where we left off 25 years ago. Looking forward to catching up with everyone this summer at the 25th."

Susan Perry sent an email from the sunny south... "I have survived the year of firsts after the death of my mother, but as any of you know who have experienced this, it is not easy. Career wise, I am still here at Duke — Assistant Director of the LGBT Center for Student Life. I also hope to join a multi-specialty office near campus for private practice work (counseling) at some point this year. I am loving the continual adjustment to living

in the South (sorry to say, I am starting to say 'y'all' regularly — ugh!), and I certainly do NOT miss the New England cold winters. I live in Chapel Hill with my partner Kathryn and our four-year-old rescued greyhound named 'Oscar'. He is all legs, and all heart! Kathryn works with HIV + clients as a clinical social worker with the UNC School of Medicine. We have some interesting family rivalries with me working for Duke and Kathryn working for UNC! We are all blessed with good health, great friends, and family support. I will be traveling at the time of Reunion, so will probably miss the festivities." I'm selfishly hoping for a change in your schedule, Susan!

Eric Adell has been providing so much help for Reunion, making calls and offering constant amusement for all of us on the committee. As for Archon notes, he wants everyone to know his wife and kids still love him, and that he is hoping that all of the women whose hearts he broke back in high school have forgiven him, and will come back to GDA in June. It's asking a lot, I know, but luckily all those ladies will have a few months to steel themselves before June! Best of luck to all! Jennifer Malamud Schaeffner sent word from Marblehead: "Had a great time this summer getting together at Lisa Loudén's house. Time marches on.... But life just gets better! I am officially a corporate refugee. Left Bank of America after ten-plus years... Am enjoying being 'at home', but am volunteer-



DONOR PROFILE
Karla Austen '81

Karla A. Austen '81 is Chief Network Officer at Healthnet in Shelton, CT. While she was a student at GDA, Karla participated in basketball, lacrosse, soccer, volleyball, and was on the Milestone staff. She went on to earn her undergraduate degree from Bates College and her MBA from Northwestern University.

"GDA has a unique sense of community. I transferred into GDA as a junior and immediately knew I had made the right choice. The teachers were engaging and the small class size was what I needed to succeed. My fellow students were warm and quickly accepted me as part of the community. The coaching was terrific and I learned a tremendous amount about teamwork and team success. The life skills I learned at GDA have been invaluable. I have only fond memories of my two years at GDA.

I believe that as someone who has had the privilege of a strong educational foundation, I have a responsibility to support the schools which have enabled me to achieve success both personally and professionally. Education is an asset that is everlasting and is also a great equalizer in the workplace. I believe education is one of the most important gifts one can give. I hope my gifts contribute to others having similar positive educational experiences to the one that I had.

I also have a strong affinity for mission driven organizations that focus on youth. I serve on the Board of the Make - A - Wish Foundation and volunteer as a mentor in the Bridgeport Public School system. I also am a previous board member and work with the Waukeela Foundation which provides grants to summer camp for underprivileged children. Contributing to GDA is very much a part of my commitment to giving back to community and supporting the development of youth.

My commitment to supporting GDA is based upon my very positive experience. GDA has an exquisite campus, wonderful administration and, I hope, an everlasting community. Contributing to the school helps to ensure that the wonderful traditions will continue."

ing more than I ever worked in corporate! Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Religious Education, Neighborhood Association, Lunch aide! Son Max (9) and daughter Ilse (7) keep us busy! Bob is doing great as a partner at Payette Assoc. Feels like we just had our 20th!"

From **Clarissa Dane Hughes**: [First off, an email address correction, and my apologies if I transcribed it incorrectly! Clarissa's correct email is cdane@tampabay.rr.com. Sorry for any mix up!] "Definitely looking forward to our 25th! Insane. Already booked a room at Mom and Dad's in Ipswich! It's been great seeing a lot of you- it will be great to see even more! From Florida- We miss you, Kath and Elizabeth!" Though I know Clarissa and Cady do miss **Kathryn Shilale** and her family a lot, I'm selfishly happy that they are back here in Mass. I've loved getting to catch up with Kath regularly, and hoping that a possible move to the North Shore may be in their future.

Mike Reilly has been doing an amazing job spearheading efforts to have our class participation well represented for the Annual Fund. While I personally chose not to give last year in protest of the trustee's actions, I have decided to give again this year to mark our reunion. I plan to designate my gift for scholarship purposes, and certainly would encourage anyone who is ambivalent about giving again to consider this option as well. From his home front Mike wanted me to pass on the following news: "We're still toiling in the construction business and have recently retired from the Army after over 22 years- a welcome event as the time and other commitments of the military are far outweighed in importance by those of family and professional life at this age. Diane and Colin (6), Christopher (5), Erin (3) and Patrick (1) are all great. We look forward to Reunion '06 and the planning thereof!"

I (**Jennifer Steward**) have received many other emails checking in about the details of reunion as they stand so far, and am very excited that it looks as though the turnout for Reunion is going to be high. It should be a terrific celebration. I'm really looking forward to catching up with everyone in June! Until then, I hope you'll continue to stay in touch and send any recommendations you may have our way in terms of reunion planning! See you June 9 through 11!

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As you might have guessed, I (**Nancy Wickwire**) am angry and disappointed in the trustees for deciding to ignore the hundreds and hundreds of alumni who opposed removing "Dummer" from the school's name. I'm still able to pick up the shattered pieces of my life and move on. My big news is this: We are moving! Just two miles down the road but it requires so much work we might as well have moved to Alaska. Then I could visit Sloan. Other than that: still two kids, still one dog, husband still tolerating me, and gallantly ignoring the emails from **John Parker** which seem to always include a reference to the scene we did from *Taming of the Shrew* with Mr. Rowe's English class. (yes, the one with the kiss).

Heather Ryan is also in a new home. I should have consulted with her, it seems they move about once every 18 months or so. I think this is the third house for them, all in Hamilton, MA. Heather has left IBM after 11 years! She's busy enough with the three kids, but spends her extra time working with a publisher for her Dad's book, *On Wits and Wind* which is the true story of his five-year sailing voyage around the world from 1947 to 1952. Email Heather if you'd like to order an advance copy (or just to say hello!) heather_ryan@yahoo.com. **Ted Larned** sends this: "When last I wrote, I was on the verge of a visit to the hospital for the pending birth of my daughter. Charlotte has now been with us five months and is the apple of my eye (whatever that means). She is happy and healthy and hardly ever cries (jealous?)...She grunts. We always know before she is going to cry because she begins to grunt. That gives us about five minutes to figure out what the need is and meet it. It's kind of funny, but it works for me. Could be worse. We are in the midst of a mid-west winter with too little cold and too little snow. I just know it's going to get cold and snowy just when we are ready to be done with it. Best to everyone."

Andy Fredrick sends this email in response: "Life in Idaho is interesting. There are a lot of things that are different... in addition to the fishing licenses. Do you know they have mobile butchers here? 'Cuz in open range land, if you hit a cow you own it. Might as well get the beef. They also prohibit alcohol sales on election day... like that will make an informed electorate! Gotta love the culture shock. I'm now working for Works Corp, doing back end web work (gee that sounds dirty). I still have my own shop open, but they are an Inc 500 co. and I could not refuse. Still looking for more work independently, so anybody out there....My daughter (Julia, 8) decided to cut her own hair. She then got a pixie cut... but it will grow back. I remember when I did that and got a buzz cut. Like father, like daughter, I guess. I too have an old Spire. I wanted to send it to one of the authors contained therein, **Ann Rooney**, but I lost touch with her after she left New York. Nice to nudge her and say get in touch if she can." (I forwarded Andy's email to Ann, since I got an email from her MOMENTS after his arrived. Fate, I tell you).

Ann Ewing writes: I am actually writing to you from Key West, FL. My husband and I purchased a house down here last spring - a real fixer-upper, but in a nice neighborhood in the Old Town. We were here with our toddler last summer working on it, and then returned to Tennessee in September to take care of some problems that had developed in our real estate business there. We got back here in December, and will probably head back to Tennessee again in April. We're about 90 percent done on our fix-up and would welcome any visitors. We have three bedrooms and two full baths, so plenty of room! But the biggest news is that we will be welcoming our new son to the family by the end of February!!! I'll let you know when he arrives! Best to all."

John Krigbaum writes: "All is well here in sunny Gainesville. Having a terrific year doing Anthropology at the University of Florida. I just won 'Teacher of the Year' in the College of Arts & Sciences and am entrenched in lots of research and writing. I am continuing archaeological work in northern Borneo and am about to embark on fieldwork in the Philippines (Palawan) as part of an international team--I still can't believe I get paid for what I do. Best wishes to all my friends from GDA. Come and visit

if you're in northern Fla! I saw a Florida license plate a while back which read "GDA8U" – ain't that the truth! Bye!"

Chris Swenson writes: "We're still living in Concord, MA. My kids, Robbie and Laura, are six and nine. Laura is becoming a very good tennis player. She plays three times a week now and plays matches, too. She'll be playing lacrosse for the first time this spring. Robbie has been on the swim team this winter and will be playing baseball this spring. My company, Neutral Tandem, in Chicago, is doing great. We have almost 100 employees now and are in 14 cities. We'll have a location in Boston soon. I spend most of my time in Chicago so we are planning on moving to Illinois sometime this year. Our house in Concord went on the market in January – hopefully it has sold by the time this is printed! Wow – that's it – yawn. I'm surprised I don't have more to write. At least my kids have an exciting life, unlike mine!"

Scott Holloway writes: "All is well here in Portsmouth, NH. Still married (Robin) with two kids, Paul (6) Elizabeth (4). Still running Coast Cadillac Pontiac Buick GMC. Jeff and Burke '84 Leavitt still working here as well. Went to Bob Low's wedding last summer. Boy, I never thought Bob was going to get married. When his dog Max died, I figured he'd just get another dog. As for other activities, I'm chairman of the board for Portsmouth Hospital and I'm on the Big Brother Big Sister board of directors with Sean Mahoney '85. Other than that: skiing & snowshoeing, etc."

Now I know why we haven't heard from Claire Danaher in a while. I got a Christmas card from her, and instead of just daughter Phoebe, there are now TWO children: Phoebe (8) and Thea (1 year in November '05). She's still in Tennessee. Still not sending me her email address (if she has one) (hint, hint, time to send me an email, Claire!) Kids are cute. Thea looks like a clone of her mom, including a devilish grin that I recall seeing before. Of course, there is one distinguishing characteristic: Thea is bald. Matt Teborek writes that contrary to the notation in the last Archon, he is not LOST although he IS in Hawaii. He lives and works there and has had no visits from Matthew Fox nor Evangeline Lily.

Last but not least, John Parker (the news you've all been waiting for!) writes: "As I am not technically a graduate of the GOVERNOR DUMMER ACADEMY (graduate or not I will never call it the 'other' name), I have however been cradled in the arms of the class of 1982 as an honorary mate, and have always felt the warmth of their embrace. (Pause to gag, roll eyes and the like...). That being said, I write to you all with what for me is exciting news, actual news. Not just, '...had a great time at the beach this year...', news, but something tangible. I have been sporadically replying to Nancy's request for news for years, if for no other reason than it is the only time any publication will publish something I write. Other than one letter to the editor in the Greensboro News and Record over ten years ago, the Archon has been my only 'vent'. I am currently the Coordinator of the 'Shameless Self-Promotion of John Parker Tour '05/'06'. Why you ask? I got into a movie. A movie was being filmed right here in Greensboro, North Carolina, and they had an open casting call. I went and was cast as a featured extra, and during filming I was upgraded to 'principal actor' (man, I just love saying that...) Let's say it together shall we, 'principal actor.' Ahhhh. My character is a collector for a bookie. I rough-up one of the co-stars. Finally, being 6'1"/250 and a little scary has paid-off. The film is the first Haley Joel Osment movie in almost four years, called *Home of the Giants*. So I am hoping by being in a movie with an Oscar nominated actor I can parlay this into something...more. What more, I don't know, I'll get back to you after it comes out. As a result of my unbelievable stroke of luck, I am now 'SAG eligible'. Which it takes sometimes years to accomplish (anyone who knows the industry will agree). In all seriousness, I feel really blessed that it happened, regardless of the long-term outcome. You can see the results of my Shameless Self-Promotion work on www.homeofthegiants.com which is a 'tribute' site for the movie. The guy doing the site (obviously a big Haley Joel fan) also did tribute sites for *A.I.* and *Secondhand Lions*. For those of you still thinking – he's the 'I see dead people...' kid. C'mon, people, let's keep up, we are trying to make some movie magic. I found this pretty interesting: the guy doing the site lives

in Singapore. Who knew? It's not like I was a totally inexperienced actor. In fact, Nancy and I shared the GDA stage for a small part of Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*. And if memory serves...yes, I believe we shared a sweet, gentle kiss...'chances are though I wear a silly grin....' Sorry, I broke into song, I was swept up in the nostalgia.... So to recap, aside from Nancy and me muggin' on stage, I was a really green 'actor'. The director gave me two lines, we did them and I didn't hear cut, so I just started making stuff up. I personally have never shaken anybody down for money, so I was covering new ground. Now I am hoping the thing will get picked up and distributed, so it will be in theaters. If after all this, it goes 'straight to video', the next thing you might hear about me is 'Locked in closet, not coming out...'. You see the perfect ending to the 'Shameless Self-Promotion Tour' is me and a news crew outside a Greensboro movie theater the night the movie opens (trust me, those ducks are being lined up as we speak...read...write...whatever) But if we go straight to video, I will look like big ol' dork. Although, I have quite a lot of experience doing that, so I'll probably make it. Wife's good, kids good, same job, yadda, yadda. I'm out."

1983

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Kevin Cryts writes: "Danny ta boot, I am disappointed in the GDA name change but what can you do? I just started my own commercial cleaning business here in Williamsburg, VA- Coverall of Virginia (www.coverall.com). I am bidding several large jobs and hiring employees so it has been very hectic. I am also still the Regional Manager of Investigations for Colonial

Investigative Group, Inc. as well out of Georgetown, MA. We investigate fraudulent insurance claims for the insurance industry on the east coast. I coached my son's football team (Williamsburg Hornets) to the league championship this fall for eight and nine-year-olds. We were the first team from Williamsburg ever to win the league super bowl. It was exciting for me and my son, Collan, who is already 10. My eight-year old daughter, Abby, is quite a gymnast and it scares me when she flips across the living room through mid-air! It just looks painful. My wife Jennifer is the business office manager at a nursing home here in town and she enjoys it. We will have been married 14 years this May- scary how fast time flies. We also love Virginia- no snow!! I hope all is well with you and your family. Keep in touch."

From **Jim Rose**: "Laura, Jacob, and I welcomed Eliza Gibbs Rose into our family on December 16. We live in Great Falls, Virginia. I am going on my sixth year at VitalSpring Technologies, a software firm in Tyson Corner VA, and was recently promoted to Vice President, Product Marketing. I also received a phone call from **Lily Esmiol**. Lily is living in Ventura, CA. She is planning to get married in June. Lily, sorry if I get any facts wrong, I didn't take good notes! She is marrying Kelly Minas, an archeologist. Lily does volunteer work for Sustainable Harvest International, a group that supports restoring the forests. She says she's happy living the life of a housewife to Kelly and their pets. Lily recently ran into **Steve Nicholson** and Erica who are living 45 minutes away.

David Agger is living in San Francisco and working in private equity and real estate involvement. Spending half of his time in the non-profit sector on various foundation boards and running a health-care foundation (M2HForG). "I speak with **Greg Ehrlich**, **Andre LaFleur**, **John Borgman**, "**Gibsy**" (**Jonathan Gibbs**) and **Paula Veale**. I strongly support the name change and applaud **Bruce Turner** for his efforts. Look me up if you are in the Bay area."

1984

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I hope you are all doing well! Here are some updates on your class members:

Tim Maxfield writes: "I am living in Portland, Maine. I manage a house for recovering addicts and alcoholics. It's a very interesting process to be involved in. When full, we house 28 men who are working to stay sober and re-establish themselves in a drug and alcohol free lifestyle. During the day, I am the Advertising Sales Director for Discover Maine Magazine, a Maine History magazine that's been published for 14 years now. We publish 12 issues a year and cover all corners of the state of Maine. I run the sales dept, and take care of the office. My daughter, Rhiannon Maxfield, is in sixth grade... 11 years old now. She is doing great. That's about the word from here. Be well, be safe and God Bless."

Victoria de Lisle is safe and sound. She writes: "My husband, and our dog and cat evacuated New Orleans just a few hours before the storm arrived. We had originally planned to stay and had stocked up with provisions to last several days. As crazy as that sounds, we have never evacuated before and our house which was built in 1848 is an old structural brick carriage house. At any rate, the storm intensified about 10 hours before landfall and we decided to leave after all. The drive out of the city was horrendous. The local authorities told everyone to go east because the roads heading west were impassable with traffic. We headed east on a coastal road toward Mississippi and Alabama (of course this is where the storm ultimately made landfall). As we were driving, we watched the tide rolling the wrong way and the water already rising. The last bridge at the end of the road was not operating so we had to double back with the water lapping our tires. We ended up taking a country road north and after 10 hours of stop and go traffic got to Birmingham (this trip usually takes five hours). Every hotel and motel within 600 miles of New Orleans was totally full but my mother had called ahead and gotten

a room for us. Others were not so lucky and the lobby was full of people from New Orleans with their kids and pets sleeping on the floor. The storm was headed in the general direction of Birmingham so we left early the next morning for North Carolina where my husband's parents had a house for the summer. It was not until we arrived there that we learned that the levees had failed and the city had flooded. I stayed in North Carolina for a couple of days glued to the television, but eventually had to head to our firm's office in Houston where I had clients to attend to. Our New Orleans office is small so all of our attorneys were easily accommodated in Houston where I spent seven long weeks before we could head back home. We had evacuated in shorts and t-shirts, with just enough clothes for a day or two, so the first task was to purchase clothes, toiletries, shoes etc... At the time, we did not know the fate of our house but based on the news reports, we assumed that we had lost everything. It was sort of like starting completely over again. The good news is that our home did not flood and, in fact, other than a fallen tree, we suffered no storm damage at all. The flood waters stopped about five blocks from our neighborhood, which was one of the first parts of the city to be settled. If I don't leave the small grid where I live, work, shop etc... it is almost possible to forget the devastation that the city has suffered. However, so many people (both rich and poor) have lost their homes and entire possessions. There are neighborhoods that look like something from the twilight zone - no lights on, not a blade of grass or planting, no one in sight. The water line (a big brown mark that the polluted water left behind) is an ever present reminder of just how far the water came into our city. There are piles of debris (people's homes, furniture, clothes) that are three stories high in some places. You have to see it to comprehend. We were one of the first people to return to New Orleans in early October. I felt like a pioneer. It was a war zone - army humvees, black vans full of FBI agents, no stores or groceries open, no traffic lights, no gas (we brought cans with us), no mail (I still don't know what happened to our mail for the entire month of September) and of course a curfew. Things are better now and more people are returning and businesses are opening. However, I worry about our wonderful old city and the ability

of its leaders to make the hard decisions that are necessary to make a rebuilding effort effective. That's all from me, except I hope that many people will come to New Orleans for Mardi Gras or just to visit - We need your tourist dollars!"

Dinah Daley just recently got engaged! She and her soon to be husband, Pete, are in the process of moving to Portland, Oregon to start their life together! **Andrew Webber** is living in Mammoth Lakes, CA. **Kate Appleton Fitzpatrick** writes: "My family and I have relocated to St. Andrews, Scotland. It is our second year here and we are enjoying what this part of the world has to offer. I am teaching English Literature at the local high school. My husband and two girls are doing well. We welcome any visitors!!"

Katrina Russo Burks writes: "There have been lots of changes in my life in the three years or so since I've been in touch... In 2003, after 12 years of marriage, I got divorced. It was a tough decision, but the right one. At around the same time, our 11-year-old Golden Retriever developed Lupus and we had to say good-bye to her. That Christmas we got a new Golden puppy and named him Rudy (Rudolph). In December of 2004, I met the most wonderful man on match.com (of all places!). His name is Whip Burks and he had moved to Vermont to attend Culinary School. He was currently working for Ben & Jerry's (how perfect is that?!). It was amazing how much we had in common—families, upbringings, activities, music, love of kids and food, and we both had Goldens! We were engaged the following October. (Whip carved 150 pounds of pumpkins and set them aglow to make his proposal!) Meanwhile, I had received a promotion with Merck from Cardiovascular Specialist to Hospital Specialist. Now I work just in four teaching hospitals, but have products in more therapeutic areas: cholesterol, osteoporosis, asthma and allergies. Because of the new territory, I moved from Rutland to Duxbury, which is right next to Waterbury (home of Ben & Jerry's and Green Mountain Coffee). We now live on a mountain with 10 acres and amazing views. The kids love it, the dogs love it, and Whip and I couldn't have found a more peaceful spot! Mitchell and Ellie have made a great transition to the

Waterbury schools. They stay in touch with their close friends from Rutland, but have made lots of new ones here. Selling the house in Rutland was a long, painful process involving a total freeze of the house, total replacement of the entire heating system (furnace, all plumbing, and radiators), and a relocation company that was not as helpful as they could have been. But I did finally sell it on the weekend of Reunion! I was sad to miss seeing everyone who was there, but I needed to get rid of that house! After that we could focus on wedding planning. And we had a wonderful wedding! September 10 was a gorgeous day in Vermont, and we had an amazing time. Besides my sisters, **Teresa Russo Cramphorn '83** and **Anita Russo Bartschat '87**, **Becky Chase Werner '85** and **Pam Chase Paradee '87** were there from GDA. Ellie was my Maiden of Honor (along with Anita) and Mitchell walked me down the aisle (along with my dad). Whip and I spent a blissful two-week honeymoon in France - Paris and the Loire Valley. So we are back to reality and ready for our next adventure - We're expecting a baby in June! We are all very excited! We'll have teenagers and toddlers at the same time—how crazy is that?! How many major life changes is that? Five? Six? Also, I would love to hear your prospective on the name change. Personally, I was disappointed. My e-mail is kmrb@direcway.com. Other than that, things have been pretty much the same..."

Michele Samuels writes: "Since graduation I have found myself in large cities. My husband, Ismail, and I now live about 25 miles outside of NYC on Long Island. We have two wonderful sons, Kareem (14) and Joseph (4). I hope you are all well! **Sean Fleming** has moved to the University of Arizona in Tucson. "If you ever end up here in the desert let me know. You can still reach me at spfleming@yahoo.com."

I (**Nathalie Ames**), am doing well! Some of you may have seen me on the Oprah show in October. I will be on the show again in mid-February and some time in May. I am part of a series as they are tracking my weight loss process and how I tackle the emotional issues associated with the weight gain. It has been very interesting. As of January 20, I am down 30 pounds! It feels great! I have an Oprah Update link on my

web page www.nathalieames.com if you want to follow my progress. Thanks for sending in your updates! I enjoy hearing from all of you.

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20th Class Reunion June 9, 10, 11 2006

Melinda Stahl writes: "Hey, hey, everyone! I figured I had to participate if I wanted to hear from some of you. Yes, that means you if you're wondering. I live in Los Angeles with two kids (a boy Charlie (3.5) and girl Esme (16 months). I still work at Nestle in Marketing (16 years in June - ahh!!!). My husband, Matt Nix, is a screen-writer. Nothing made yet but consistently working which is a huge accomplishment - I am his wife so probably a little over the top proud. I still have a crush on **Jon Gardner '85** and run into GDA people all the time. It's actually kinda spooky. Okay, so I want to hear about you. Write something!!!"

Monique Proulx says: "Hello to everyone. I hope the New Year brings everyone health, happiness and success. The holidays were crazy but fun in our house. Brianna (8) and Allysha (6) had a great Christmas and New Year. We had our second annual Christmas party with Santa and Mrs. Claus arriving in a horse drawn wagon! It was a lot of fun. The Equestrian Shop will be opening its second location on February 1, 2006. We are leasing a spot on Route 133 in Ipswich at Bruni's Marketplace. We have a full time manager and are very excited about our new location in the heart of 'Horse Country'. Wishing everyone the best and hope to see many of you at our 20th reunion."

Blake Underhill reports: "Maria and I are happy to announce the birth of our son



Melinda Stahl '86 with her husband Matt Nix and their kids, Charlie and Esme.

Santiago on October 29, 2005 (his big brother Samuel was born in May 2001). We have been raising our children in a bilingual home. Samuel switches between English and Spanish with incredible ease. It's funny that I came close to failing Spanish (all four years of it). Lack of sleep aside, life is going well. I now own a specialty construction company doing commercial carpentry work all over New England. I see **Mike Jasse** and his wife Beth regularly. Their wedding in Miami this past May was an absolute blast and we got to hang out with **John Bailly** and his wife Deb (whose wedding 2004 onboard an old schooner was also amazing). **Alison Zwiell** shows up for poker night whenever she needs money and stopped by to see the new addition over the holidays. I'm hoping to get to Reunion but I have a convention in Maine the same weekend so I'll try to fit both in."

Nikki (Truman) Harding: "My husband, Jeff, and I just added another member to the family. Didi, born in November, joins Ellie (2-1/2). We still live in Meredith, NH and I'm currently staying at home with the girls until they're in school. It was tough closing down the gift shop but the trade-off is well worth it. I'm still playing hockey and

managing my travel team, and loving it!!"

Gene Taft checked in to update me on the latest chapter in his life journey. I must say that he has had an illustrious career to date including mining for talc in the upper Yukon, pro-am figure skating, head groundskeeper at the Neverland Ranch. Gene writes: "Greetings from Washington, DC. That is right, after 12 years in the Big Apple I have made a move to the nation's capital! After getting profoundly into my yoga practice, on both a spiritual and physical level, I realized that yoga is the Jazzercise of the 80s. The yoga market in NYC however, was completely saturated. So I packed up my mat and incense and made the move to DC where I've opened my own yoga studio, Yogeno, in the Dupont Circle area. Stop by for a quick workout, meditation, or sun salutation if you're in the area."

If anyone is interested in helping form a reunion committee I would love to hear from you soon. Please email me at paulbnar-done@aol.com. Since this will be the last reunion being held at Governor Dummer Academy before the historic (and misguided I might add) name change, I guess that makes it "special."

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Hope everyone's winter is moving along well. Thanks to those who checked in, so we didn't have to bother the local, usual suspects...who then have to make stuff up

about themselves and their families. Stay warm and please stay in touch.

Tom "Duper" Jansen emailed, "Hello to all. I hope everyone is doing well. I'll cut to the chase. I left Boston and the hotel business after eight years of corporate torture and music mayhem, and bought a house in South Dartmouth, MA near where I grew up. I am now married and my wife Jennifer and I are going to be parents by the time you read this. (Be afraid...be very afraid!) Jennifer and I grew tired of working for other people so we decided to open a gourmet food store in Tiverton Four Corners, R.I. called 'Milk and Honey Bazaar' (www.milkandhoneybazaar.com). We have done very well for our first year, and the press has helped us build a great online business as well. I am still doing a great deal of music. My friend Toph (pronounced toaf) and I are playing all kinds of acoustic guitar music for different functions (www.tophandtom.com). I am still recording jingles from the home studio. I am not able to get up to the Academy as I would like, but if anyone is down in the Little Compton-Tiverton, R.I. area, drop in. Have a great year."

Lyndsay (Rowan) McCandless writes: "You can finally check out my art gallery from anywhere- (www.jacksonstreet-gallery.com). I even represent **Elizabeth Leary '88**, her mother, and my mom, Lee Rowan. The gallery and three daughters keep me a bit crazed here in the Tetons!" **Mike Curtis** writes: "My independent filmmaker blog (www.hdforindies.com) continues to be popular with 2500-3000 visitors per day. I am starting a new business to color correct indie features: Color Café." **Dave Miller** checked in with, "I'm very pleased to let you know I got married this past September 17, 2005. We had an amazing ceremony and reception in Manchester, NH and an incredible honeymoon in Hawaii and Las Vegas. Her name is Christina and she is from Claremont, NH. **Ben Williams** was my best man." **Kris Kobialka** wrote: "Living in Beverly with my boyfriend, Art. Working part-time as a musician and also my archives consulting business is going well. Shame about the name change but life goes on. Congrats to GDA on their FINALLY hiring an archivist-Kate is a peach! Hold on to her."

Long, but no longer lost, **Robb Morse** and his wife Kara are happily settled in

Dracut, MA. Robb is working for a medical device company in Chelmsford. Outside of work, they are busy, but having a great time with their four children: Marina, Sabrina, Katerina, and Easton. Four kids must be a trend, because **Bill Dumoulin** emailed, "My wife Sherrie and I have a new addition to the family. Alexandria Noelle was born on June 24, 2005. She was proudly welcomed by her big brothers Timmy, Joey and Billy Jr. Everyone is happy and healthy and enjoying having a 'Princess' around the house!" **Amy (Mack) Forsthoffer** and her husband, Mark, are awaiting the arrival of their first child in March. In January, family and friends gathered at Amy's aunt's house in Byfield to celebrate the upcoming event. Amy's mom Gerri, **Lyndsay (Rowan) McCandless'** mom Lee, **Lucy (Armstrong) Henkes'** mom, Liz, were there along with **Paula (McCarthy) Haas** and **Kristen (LaBrie) Poulin** (Lucy was unable to attend). It was a great day and we're all looking forward to meeting their new addition.

Glen Distefano reports: "I cannot believe it has been 18 years since we all jumped the wall. Hope everyone is well. My wife Lisa and I have relocated to the Tampa, Florida area and I have accepted a position as CIO for a new Workers Compensation Carrier and have been very busy with all the items that come with a startup. Our two 'kids', a Black and Chocolate Lab, keep us very busy. We went through three of the four hurricanes in Florida last year. This 'Yankee' would take a blizzard any day compared to a hurricane. If anyone has contact info for **Jeff Katz** please let me know at gdistefano@gltdcomputer.com. If anyone is in the Tampa, Florida area, we would love to meet up."

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Hey,
Hi everyone!

Hope you are all doing well upon receiving our Archon edition. This time our

class actually sent in some news. As I mentioned in my letter to you, I was wondering if we were a bit less than enthusiastic last time around because of all that was happening on campus. There is some news from classmates we do not usually hear from, and that makes my job fun! By the time The Archon actually comes out, I reread our notes because I have forgotten all that I write for these entries. It is a sad side effect of motherhood that I was painfully unprepared for. All of the rest of being a mother has been otherwise rewarding and fun. I still have only three girls and despite looking at new babies and smiling I am happy to have my three. We had the chance to travel to Athens, Greece this year as a family. The girls have been there before but couldn't remember it. This time we all had a great time and enjoyed immersing ourselves in another culture. While we know some Greek, we may need to learn more since we may have the opportunity to go back this summer again.

I have had the chance to talk with several alums this winter because of the name change issue. **Chris D'Orio** and I spoke almost every day for a few weeks. It was fun to laugh with him about old times and feel like it wasn't so long ago that we actually saw each other in person. Now that I am back in touch with him we will not allow Dana to have to write HIS updates. His boys are doing well, getting big, of course, playing hockey! The old man, Chris, still plays too. He ran into **Bob Pierce** a few weeks ago at work. Bob has three children, 14, 12, and nine years old. This is a GDA version of "it's a small world."

Now you may think that these next comments hail from an alum that lives in Cambridge, but it is just **Dan Morison**. He EMAILED... "Maybe if you send out a mass email instead of those cards that would work better for getting comments. Nobody sends back cards, but everybody emails. Plus people can add photos as well." Thanks for the suggestion, so now here's the dirt... I brought my daughter Charlotte to **Dave Walor's** daughter Paige's first birthday party this past Saturday and saw **Wayne Belleau** and his daughter Emily. **Dave Hanlon** was noticeably absent because his son, Michael, had to nap. I also stopped by a D'Orazio fruit and veggie store in Salem and saw Tony's sisters,

Melanie '86 and **Stephanie '85**. Stephanie informed me that **Tony** now has two kids, Dominic and Roman. On a snowy day in October, I went mountain biking in the Middlesex Fells in Winchester and gave a ride to two other guys back to their car because they were about frozen solid. It turns out they were both fairly recent grads of GDA as well. What a coincidence! Although I can't remember their names it was nice to see some GDA guys out braving the elements to get a little exercise in. I think we were the only people biking that day!" I have to say while I know you so well Dan, I never knew you to be so concerned about napping schedules and other people's exercise habits! I know I will hear about this later, but you sound so grown-up now!!

Kristina von Trapp Frame almost always sends the card back with info!!! I know, I know, I'm a wise guy, but it's true. She WRITES IN PEN... "The last two years we've been living in Vermont on the same site that I grew up on. We have two girls, Stella, almost three, and Annie, almost one, who keep me very busy. My husband, Walter Frame, works for the development at the downhill ski resort, Stowe Mountain Resort, which is really exciting. New homes, hotel, base lodge and town homes and a new golf course are being built. Call if you're in the area! **Damon Kinzie** and I have lunch now and again."

So now that we have settled that, if you can please email but if not I don't mind typing your info in either. It is just fun to hear from you any way we can. Another country heard from is our friend Dr. **Todd O'Brien**, who has been less than consistent with the personal updates, but I sense a new leaf is afoot! "Happy New Year! We are well. I am not sure where I left you off but we are settled back into the Boston area after a year of training that took us to Switzerland for six months and Mass General for another six months. Practice is great. My offices are in Peabody and I work predominantly at Salem and Beverly Hospitals. However, the bigger news is we had our first child in March, Liam McMichael O'Brien. He's doing great and has been a lot of fun. All my best, Todd."

I have attached as many photos as I have received for the notes; please keep them coming. Even if they cannot all make the



Alexis, Sophia and Noelle, daughters of Deana Boyages '88, in Athens, Greece.

notes I will keep trying with the next edition.

Arvid Swanson writes: "Hope all is well with you and your family. I was doing work and opened your letter, so here is an email update. My wife, two daughters (4 and 7), and I are still living in NH. For work, I am the NE sales representative for Rossignol Snowboards and Black Flys Eyewear. I am also part owner of a shop in Meredith, NH called New Hampshire Old School. The shop carries snow, skateboard, and surf stuff. I work in the shop April- Sept, and rep the rest of the year. It keeps me busy. For fun stuff, I surf all year in ME, NH, and MA. I just finished building my own custom chopper from scratch; and I like to take the girls out on the lake or skiing depending on the season. I guess that is all for now. Thanks for the letter. Talk to you soon." More news from alums in warm places... like a spring break destination! They all keep saying call us when you are here. If we all traveled to visit our class, and only our class, it would make for a pretty cool road trip.

Here is news from Erika Sayewich Buell: "Hi Deana. How are things? You? Your kids? I'm sending you this at 4 a.m. since I just returned from a 10-day trip to Europe for business and I am still not adjusted to central time. Things are going well in Austin; even though it's my second winter here I'm still amazed at the mild weather. It was so warm here that we all went swimming in an outside pool on New Year's Day! I'm currently working full time as in-house

counsel for CSC (Computer Sciences Corporation) negotiating licensing deals. I love being back to work and was fortunate to find a global company in Austin. Sam is currently teaching criminal law courses at the University of Texas School of Law. Madeleine (5) is in her third and final year of Montessori (she'll enter first grade next fall) where she's taking advantage of living in Texas by learning Spanish and playing outside year-round. Anna (2.5) goes to the UT Child Care Center (she calls it her 'school')

and considers herself a longhorn. Austin was in full glory with the recent UT Rose Bowl victory; the elation hasn't worn off yet. I'd love to catch up with anyone living in this neck of the woods!"

Now if Austin isn't warm enough here's some info from **Chris Zabriski**! Zabs writes: "Got your letter, wondered if the lack of class notes was a protest to the name change. Nothing like sending the message to our young people that image counts over substance and that marketing is more important than content. [You go Zabs, so many of us couldn't agree more] Things are fine here on the rock. Children's library gets busier all the time. My wife Vicky has started teaching film at the Bermuda College. She and I are doing a series of short films for the festival circuit. We bought a 28-ft. racing sailboat for a song and spent the last five months fixing it up and converting it to a family daysailer. I've attached a picture. [I hope you see it too] Hope everyone is doing really well. We have a tiny place (with a huge rent) so I can't really put anyone up but if you are coming down to Bermuda drop me an email at christian_zabriskie@yahoo.com and I'll clue you in on some of the hidden spots." Bermuda does sound nice this time of year!

Another alum that we haven't heard from in awhile...**Kursten Coffeis Burns** writes: "Happy New Year! I definitely agree with Dan that email is the way to go. Look,



Christian Zabriskie '88 and his wife Vicky on their sailboat.



Meileh and Kursten Burns '88



Kursten Burns' two sons

even I responded! I hope all is well with you and your family. Life has definitely been good to us. We basically have been traveling and spending a ton of time with our two boys. We are actually leaving for Orlando this Friday. I still think it is funny that we are headed across the country to go see Mickey and we only live a half hour from Disneyland. I've attached a couple of pictures. Thanks for keeping in touch. All the best." Now, in case you couldn't tell whose child belonged to whom, Kursten's boys look just like him!!!!!!!!!!!!

Closer to home, **Cindy Draper**

Hatfield sent us an update from her growing clan: "I haven't written in a while so I thought I would send a quick update. My husband, John, and I live in an old house in East Bridgewater, MA. We have three wonderful children - Jack (5), Mary Elizabeth (3) and Thomas (1). I'm a stay-at-home mom and I love it. I do still do some part-time administrative work with my dad. My husband runs his own furniture restoration business, which allows for flexible hours so he can come home to help out when I need him. I started home schooling Jack and Mary this year. It has been challenging and very rewarding. We are all learning new things. Besides being busy with home schooling and maintaining and old home, John and I enjoy being involved with our local church. I look forward to hearing how everyone else is doing."

Now, as if to see a comet or something, we are getting notes from a long missed classmate. It was like getting notes from **Carlos Brockmann**, but this is another wayward friend who will now be better at keeping in touch, I hope! Try and

guess who this is before you read the name... "I hope that you and your family are well, and had a wonderful holiday season. While I have consistently neglected to send in an entry for the class notes page, for the past 17 years, I was disappointed to see that no one else had written in for the most recent issue. I always enjoy perusing the *Archon*, and finding out what everyone in our class has been up to. In an effort to break with my reclusiveness, I offer the following:" Any guesses yet???? There is more. "Teresa and I are still living in Annapolis, MD with our two daughters: Sara (3) and

Chloe (7). A little over a year ago, I left the 'exciting and glamorous' world of IT and became a real estate agent. Teresa had been an agent since 2000, and we decided to partner up so that we could spend more time with our family and less time with the beltway. It has been a lot of fun, and has been rewarding on a number of levels. It's great to be home almost every day at around 5 p.m. and spend time with my girls. We are actually moving next week to Maryland's Eastern Shore. We found a remodeled 1820 farmhouse, with some land near the water and we decided to give it a go. It's only 20 minutes from downtown Annapolis and we are all pretty excited, especially the girls who are relentlessly lobbying us for a couple of dogs. I am still playing hockey, and play in a men's league at the US Naval Academy a couple of times a week, which is good fun. In short, life is good. Warmest regards to all. **Christian Dennison!!!!!!**" Please do not let it be another 17 years, Christian. Thanks for breaking the stalemate. It was great to hear from you!

That is all the news for now, folks. Just put my email address in your address book and send a note when you feel like it. I will get it in the next set of notes. Please update my email address to dboyages@msn.com. Looks like I may be moving again, (forgot to mention that earlier!) so that is the best way to get me on the fly! Thanks for your resounding reply this time! Ciao, **Deana**

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Greetings, Class of 1989! I hope this edition of *The Archon* finds you all well. Unfortunately, I did not get much news from you this time around. Perhaps people are feeling less inclined to write due to their feelings about the name change or perhaps you just forgot - but hopefully the few bits of news I can share will entice you to write in the next time you get a letter in the mail



Kristin Brown '89 and Aaron Hirsch's daughter Sarah.



Wedding in South Carolina of Rob Wattie '89.

from me. We all know that the first place we flip to when we receive *The Archon* is the Class Notes section and it is much more fun to read when we actually have notes there! Here is the news I do have... **Rob Wattie** was married at the end of April. It was a great event celebrated in South Carolina with many GDA alums in attendance. Both **Matt Downing** and **Chuck Kahn** were in the wedding and many others enjoyed the festivities including myself, **Kara '88** and **Jason McLoy**, and **Derek VanVliet**. (All of whom are in the photo except for Derek). More congratulations are in order for Rob and his wife, Betsy, as she just gave birth to their son, Robert Wattie IV, at the end of January. I was lucky enough to meet the new arrival when he was just a few days old and snap an adorable photo of him in his father's arms.

Matt Downing and his wife, Sarah, who are expecting their second child in April, had a fun Patriots party at their new home in Middleton with several alums in attendance including those already mentioned as well as **Rob Ashworth**, his wife Tammy, and their two kids. **Dan Nadeau** and his twin daughters also made an appearance. **Jeff Ashworth** was not able to attend as his wife had just recently given birth to their second child. **Renee Jespersen** continues to live in the Washington, DC area and should be finishing her residency this year. **Jessica Cowles Pidgeon** and her husband and two sons have been enjoying life in Calgary for the past year-and-a-half. They are looking forward to their next post in Hanoi, Vietnam. Her sister, **Jenn**, recently

had a baby and is currently living with her husband in New Hampshire.

Jessica Clapp has been living in Stowe, Vermont for the past couple years and is really enjoying it. Every time I talk to her she seems to have a new story about running into different GDA alums! She and **Ashley Newbert** were able to get together to attend the GDA young alum event at the Grog the night before Thanksgiving. We are not sure if we still fit into the "young alum" category – but it was a fun event nonetheless. Ashley continues to live in Little Compton, Rhode Island. I have some sad news to report about **Lauren Jellinek Flower**. Her father was just recently killed in a plane crash. Lauren, her husband Sam and four-year-old son Jacob

will be spending much of the upcoming year with her mom in Sun Valley, Idaho. In the meantime, she is still living in Gig Harbor, Washington.

As for me (**Kristin Brown**), my husband Aaron and I welcomed our daughter, Sarah Harding Hirsch, into the world on September 29. Life with her is amazing! I am still working at Pingree teaching in the History Department and working as a college counselor which is a fun change for me. We live in Weston on the campus of the Cambridge School where Aaron is the Dean of Residential Life. We recently bought a home in Newburyport, but don't make it up there as much as we would like. However, we are looking forward to many days at Plum Island playing on the beach with Sarah next summer. Well, there you have it. I wish I had more news to share. Now that you have finished reading our notes, don't wait until the next reminder. E-mail me your notes now so that the next issue can be chock full of news from the Class of '89! Enjoy 2006!



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1990

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The class of 1990 surely has great news to report. To kick us off, **Grayson Coale** writes: "We are expecting our third child in June so it should be getting really hectic



Brian Payne '90 and his wife Jody with their first child, Lexye Miriam Payne

around here. Charlie is really excited and keeps saying he wants a sister... We'll see... I'm sure it will be another boy." The ever-helpful Grayson reports that **Kerry Morrison** is also expecting her second. She also tells us that **Molly Jerabek** is doing well and is almost done renovating her home which is going to be in the Renovation Style magazine. Included is a picture of Grayson's adorable boys. **Shannon Clifford Davenport** says, "Hi Everyone! Jamie and I had a fabulous first Christmas as a married couple. Following that, our furnace broke, sending soot and carbon monoxide all over the house. Thanks for insurance! It was quite the disaster, but we are finally back in the house and almost back in our home. Happy New Year!"

From out west, we hear from a somewhat long, lost classmate, Mr. **Neil Penick**. He is doing well and doesn't want to be a complete stranger to his old GDA friends. He is living in San Francisco and can be reached at neil_penick@yahoo.com. Over the years, he's run into **Pete Jacobs** and **Glenn Johnson** and has been to a couple of the GDA events that Mike Moonves has hosted. We shall be hearing more from Neil. **Brian Payne** writes with "wonderful news to share. Last Wednesday my wife Jody gave birth to our first child, and possibly our last according to her (I'll give a few months before I address that issue) – Lexye Miriam Payne at a trim 5 lbs. 10 oz. (like her father) and 20 inches long. My hockey school busi-



Grayson Coales' '90 two sons

ness - Ice Works 'Elite Hockey Training' is booming, entering its 10th year. Over the years, numerous GDA alumni have worked for me; **Alex Moody '89**, **Kevin Lydon '89**, **JJ '02** and **Brian '05 Morrissey**, **Chris Genovese '05** and **Lenny Ceglarski '02** to name a few. So, any GDA players looking for work this summer, give me a call! In the next three weeks, I will be launching a new web site called Fanatics - 4 - Fitness. This site will consist of 750 athletic training products (Medicine Balls, Speed Ladders, etc...) for aspiring athletes, personal trainers and local professional and collegiate organizations. So things are extremely busy..... Hope everything is going well for all GDA Alumni!" Brian can be reached at (978) 392-4555 or Brian@Iceworksusa.com. Please see the precious photo of Brian and his "new" family.

Dave "Smitty" Smith writes that "Kate is expecting and we will have a baby boy in mid-May. **Brian Rodgers** and his wife had a son around Thanksgiving, Finn William Rodgers. He is a beautiful baby boy. That is about all the news fit to print from me." Last, but not least, I was happy to hear from a friend of the class of 1990, **Stephen Aron**, who wrote, "I got married March 19 here in Florida, and am expecting my first child in July! Isn't that crazy? ME!!!! That's all the news that's fit to print." Unfit news seems a theme with the gentlemen. What's up with that? Boys will be boys, I guess. But that could be just the spice this article needs.

Well, that's the low-down on the Class of '90. Congratulations, Grayson, Kerry,

Molly, Shannon, Smitty, Steven and Brian and welcome back, Neil. Until next time.....

1991

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15th Class Reunion
June 9, 10, 11 2006

Well, I hope that everyone is gearing up for spring and the impending 15th reunion that is right around the corner, believe it or not. I didn't hear from many people this go around so maybe you are all saving your news for reunion in person? It seems that procreation is the theme of the moment. **Alanna Caffrey Rosenberg** and her husband Jasper are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter, Molly Eleanor, who was born on November 10, 2005, and **Michael Aron** and his wife Elizabeth had a baby boy in July, Justin Michael Aron. Congratulations to the new parents. Speaking of which, as I write this, **Karen Queen Stern** and her husband Ben are in the final countdown of her pregnancy; they will become parents to a little boy in the beginning of March! Stay in touch and I hope to see many of you in June.

Brie Bourn says: "A big thanks to **Todd Amadeo** for sending me flowers when I was in the hospital last December."

1992

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Well, it's been another busy winter for the class of 1992! Some of us were a little too busy to fill out those menacing postcards, but here's what I have learned ... **Joe**

Montnomy reports that he and his wife, Briana, are living in Birmingham, Alabama. Joe is working for the Department of Justice as an assistant US Attorney prosecuting organized crime and drug trafficking in the Birmingham area. **Josh Lappin** was the best man at Joe and Briana's wedding last year. **Alison Derderian** is a Registered Nurse and loving the work. She sends greetings out to **Bethany Stuart '91**, **Liza Loughman '91**, **Rory Cullen '91** and **Melanie Robinson**. Alison keeps in touch with **Shauna Lynch** who recently became a medical doctor - congratulations to Shauna! **Erin Elwell Rich** is enjoying her new role as mom to two adorable boys: Colin and Aidan. Colin, the youngest, will celebrate his first birthday in March. How time flies! **Jackie Hogan** is working in Cambridge, in an office that strives to improve life for women and minorities at Harvard. She's also taking lots of dancing lessons and planning a trip to Patagonia. **Gus Mergins** wrote in - just a day late of the last Archon's deadline - but was still enjoying life in New York and his furniture making business. You may have heard from **Chris Ruggiero** and **Devin Sullivan** about the newly established Larry Piatelli Scholarship Fund at Governor Dummer. This is a great way to give money to the school. Get in touch with Rugg, Devin, or call the Alumni office for details.

Grace Jeanes writes: "Not too much to share except a GDA small world story. This winter, Leah and I were traveling in the Western Caribbean on a cruise ship and ran into **Susan Perry '81** (former faculty: Director of Athletics/Biology) onboard in the spa!! It was nice to catch up throughout the cruise as we visited ports in Key West, Mexico, Guatemala and Belize. Susan now works in the Office of Student Affairs at Duke University."

It was great to hear from so many of you - keep the emails and postcards coming!

1993

*Class of 1993
Needs Secretary*

Kenseth Thibideau reports: "Hey - how's it? It's Kenseth here. I'm living in San Diego. I make music for TV commercials and I'm in bands - Pinback, Sleeping People, Goblin Cock, Howard Hello, to name a few. Keeping busy, staying out of rat race, don't

have to wake up for morning meeting. P.S. Congratulations Shawn!!" **Angela Ives Hill** reports: "I'm expecting my first child (Alexandra Bliss) in February. Moving to Newport, RI in March. Completing graduate work in education administration." **Christopher Cini** is a paramedic with Tisbury Ambulance and is the assistant director with emergency management in West Tisbury. Chris has been very busy teaching many EMS related classes on Martha's Vineyard. He and his wife Deborah finally took a belated honeymoon in Hawaii for two weeks. **Jon Jett** says life is treating him very well. Still living in New York and trading at a hedge fund. Exciting news - recently got engaged and will be getting married in August. I'm lucky - she's an amazing girl. Still talk to Stash and **Mike Nadeau** (better known as Nads) - who got engaged a week before me! Unfortunately, our respective fiancées didn't go for the idea of a double wedding! Bought a ranch near Dallas last year, which is a nice escape from Manhattan and get to see the family. No marathons or triathlons on the books this year, but still playing hockey regularly. Life is good! **Andrea Manning** says: "I got engaged in November and am planning an April 2007 wedding in England (where my fiancé Ben is from.) **Anne Savage** will be my maid of honor and **Jen Saunders** will be a bridesmaid. Other than that still working away and enjoying NY!"

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Hi everyone:

Well, it's yet another issue of The Archon and I didn't hear from a single person. Let's not leave the space empty for the fall Archon. Let me hear from you!

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Eric Whittier reports: "Hope all is well with the Class of '95. I am still in Portland, ME in the second year of my internal medicine residency. It was great to catch up with everyone at the Thanksgiving reception at The Grog. I had a chance to catch up with **Jodi Leverone** while she was interviewing for a residency spot at my hospital (Maine Medical Center). Don't worry, I put in a good word for her!"

Casey Barbaro-Bzdak says: "Just checking in - Wanted to say hello to everyone and hope everyone had a good holiday season. My new husband and I had a great holiday with family and friends up here in Derry, NH. I have finally passed my CPC exam and am now a certified medical coder. So I am excited to start a new career. Well, I wish everyone well, and if anybody wants my email, it's barbacasec@comcast.net. Feel free to say hello."

Ed Guzman says: "We actually do have some news that isn't mundane. We have moved to Washington D.C., where I have been working as an editor at The Washington Post since January. I left The New York Times after three-and-a-half years in December, mostly because the opportunity at the Post seemed promising. But we were also looking for a lifestyle change, especially because our two boys are starting to grow up. We've settled into the 'burbs in Northern Virginia, where we're renting a townhouse for about the same price as a studio apartment in Chelsea. (It's a pleasant surprise how much room you can afford once you leave New



Casey Barbaro-Bzdak '95 and her husband on their wedding day.

York!) We will miss New York, but we feel good about our fresh start."

That's the latest from us. Thanks again for the opportunity to write in.

1996

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Janna Panall De Rissi reports: "My husband and I are expecting our second baby, a little girl, on reunion weekend - June 10th! So think of me, I will either have a tiny newborn or be as big as a house as everyone is partying in the French Building! **Kate Manzella** and I are actually due right around the same time so I know she won't be in attendance for the festivities either. I recently spent the weekend with **Katie Renna** in her new condo in Charlestown which was a blast. We had a chance to catch up with **Lauren Carroll** over dinner and paid a visit to Katie's sister, **Laura Renna Riley '93**, and her two darling little girls, Emma and Margo. This weekend **Mara Zanfagna** will be escaping from her life in New York City for a visit to us which should be fun as well. Mara moved to NY in July from Colorado and is now working for New York Life Insurance along with her boyfriend Scott."

Jeff Gilberg says: "I also included a picture. I am living in Baltimore, MD with my wife Alyson and dog Nalle. I joined the United States Army JAG Corps last May and am currently working as an administrative law attorney, assigned to the Fort McNair Office of the Staff Judge Advocate in the



Jeff Gilberg '96 and wife Alyson.

Military District of Washington. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion this spring." **Katie Lyons** says: "Well, I can't say I've done anything THAT exciting lately. My husband, Ryan, just finished the Euro-Nato Joint Jet Pilot Training Program here at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas so we'll FINALLY be returning to the New England area in the fall. We're planning a formal wedding ceremony for February in Boston and can't wait. I just finished my Master's degree in Criminal Justice from BU and I'm looking forward to the career ahead of me. In November, I traveled to San Diego to celebrate my brother Jeremy's wedding (class of '93). There I ran into old friends **Robbie Kealer** and **Matt Casselini**. I also ran into **Kim Konevich** who was a bartender at the reception. Talk about a small world! I look forward to seeing everyone for our 10 year in June."

1997

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Hello everyone! It's been great to hear from all of you, as always. I'm finishing up

my first year at Columbia Business School, and things are going well. Please let me know if you're ever in the neighborhood!

Ross Hogan writes: "I hope this information finds all of our classmates in good health and even better spirits. Things are great here in Boston. My girlfriend and I spent New Year's Eve with **Ben Webber** among others and had a blast, at least as long as we can remember. The New Year finds Colleen and me buying a house in Wakefield, MA, which has been a wonderful experience. We love that it is new construction, but the headaches with the contractors can prove trying at times. We are also preparing for a trip to St. Croix this March for some much needed fun in the sun, SCUBA, and as much fishing as the days can hold. I am also preparing to return to school for my MBA, though I have not yet decided where. Take care all, Ross."

Our beloved **Brandon Keith** is now in Vegas. "Hello all! I'm living in Las Vegas, enjoying life. I hope everyone is well. My email is bjkeith86@hotmail.com, so if anyone is ever in Vegas, let me know. Later, Brandon." **Scott Marshall** writes: "I have started my own company, Seacoast Events. We specialize in event planning for businesses, corporations, civic organizations and individuals. We are based out of Newburyport, MA but we service most of New England. We are enjoying our second year of business. I can be reached at scottmarshall@seacoastevents.net. Sincerely, Scott." **Lee Melton** writes in from Florida: "I finished my MBA at the University of Tampa in the summer of 2005 and I now live in Naples, FL. Congratulations to **Christian D.**, and I look forward to seeing everyone at our 10-year reunion."

Nichelle Warren is living in Chicago. She writes: "First of all, hello to everyone! And congratulations to anyone in the class of 1997 who recently married or had children. I've done neither of the two and am still enjoying a single life in Chicago. I recently (2005) experienced the loss of my father and a layoff from work but am now preparing for my mother's wedding and working three jobs (one in social service mentoring and tutoring kids, another in retail sales at Bath and Body Works, and my full time job in HR - managing Health Care accounts). The



Julliete Rose Novis, daughter of Josh Novis '96. Photo taken by Julliete's Aunt Emily '98.

New Year has been good to me so far. Everyone take care! If you're around my way, Get At Me! Nechasl79@yahoo.com."

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Tonie Karbe: "After working in Germany for three years in consulting, I am now back in the states. I am getting my MBA at Kellogg and in the middle of midterms, hence the email as source of procrastination. We are also currently going through the recruiting process for summer internships and I am hoping to get back to New England or at least the east coast. I would love to get back in touch with everyone, so please drop an email akarbe2007@kellogg.northwestern.edu."

Hilary St. Jean reports: "I thought I'd send you what I'm up to these days. My sister Nicole just got engaged. She is getting married in August on the Cape and everyone is very excited. I'm working on the Rolling Stones Bigger Bang Tour, as an event/VIP Party coordinator, throughout

the states and in some locations abroad. It's been a very good experience for travel and professional networking. To work with that tour is to work with the best in the entertainment industry, so it's really been a learning experience that will be fun to talk about down the road. Nevertheless, it's been pretty exhausting and I'll have to fly home from the UK for my sister's wedding and back out again. These old men never stop performing. All and all, it looks like the tour could be a full year-and-a-half, or more."

Elinor (Bill) Brown says: "I plan to finish my grad program in May 2007 and, in the meantime, I am working for a women's health policy group in Kansas City. Also, my husband Aaron and I are expecting our first child in August. If any GDAers are ever passing through the Kansas City area, drop me a line! Email: elinor@thebrownproject.com, website: www.thebrownproject.com."

Jessica Savage recently called to tell me that in December she became engaged to Chris Anderson, her longtime boyfriend from Denison. The two plan to be married in Maine in September 2007. Congratulations to her! **Jacob Chase** writes from San Francisco where he has been pursuing his Master's in Education. He has been teaching high school Spanish at an urban high school. **Claire Shearman** writes that she has recently moved to Atlanta, GA. After receiving a promotion within her company, Mizuno USA, she is in the running department managing the Tech Rep Program and also as the National Accounts Coordinator. If you find yourself in Hotlanta, email her: claire.shearman@mizunousa.com. I ran into **Jillian Welenc** at Trader Joe's. She is in her second year of her 3.5-year interior decorating program. She mentions that the program is much more technical than generally perceived and she has had to learn everything, including how a wall is constructed and the different building materials required.

Emily Novis reports: "Hello all! Greetings from the west coast! As some people may have doubted, I have finally finished college. I received my Bachelor's of Nursing in June '05. I am living in Portland, Oregon with my sister **Becca '01** and my dog, Greta. I am working in a high-risk family birth unit and taking advantage of the close ski mountains and the beautiful Oregon coast. I am looking forward to seeing **Beth Pilkington** at her wedding in September! I have been

in touch with **Pat Forrest** who is also living out west in San Diego. Becca and I both became aunts in September when our brother **Josh '96** and his wife Annie gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Julliete Rose Novis."

Finally, I (**Ellie Erickson**) am (still) finishing law school. I have acquired a clerkship with a judge next year and have just signed a lease in Manhattan beginning in May. After that I will take the bar exam and be married in September.

1999

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Sarah Avalon writes: "Teaching at Peabody High is more challenging and fulfilling than I ever could have hoped for... I drive home happy every day. My Marblehead days may come to an end this summer as I'm planning to move into a house in Peabody. I love our apartment, but a house/yard/garage/dog is very exciting. Recently I had the pleasure of meeting up with **Jim Meniates**, **Pat Carey**, **Harry Dolan**, and **Leila Fuleihan** in Beverly over the holiday break – a welcome blast from the past. Also, my email has switched to seavalon@gmail.com, and I'd love to hear from you all! Take care and be well." **EJ Darisse** writes: "I am still living in NC, and I am working as a staffing recruiter at Volt Services Group in Raleigh. I know that isn't flashy, but it pays the bills. My girlfriend and I are about to close on a new house at the end of January! It is really close to downtown Raleigh so the cab fares will be reasonable to come home late Friday and Saturday night! Pigeon is planning a trip down in a couple of months, and I am worried about all the feathers I'll have to clean up after he leaves. If anyone happens to be heading to or through the NC area, please shoot me an email edward.darisse@gmail.com or drop a line 919-244-4629 if you want to hang out or crash on my futon!"

Megan McShane is living in Boca Raton, Florida and really enjoying the warm weather. She is working for SYSCO Corporation and loving it. She hopes every-

one is doing well. **Nat Baldwin** is working hard and keeping busy with music. He writes: "Lots of tours and new recordings in the works and a new album out in March. Please get in touch on my space or check www.brokensparrow.com for information and updates." **Michael Kerr** writes: "Hi, everyone. Life is great at the moment. I recently got engaged and we are planning our wedding for the summer of '07. I have also been busy sending out applications for graduate school, where I will pursue both a MA and a PhD in History." **Jesse Soursourian** is living in Brooklyn, still writing and acting and playing music (keyboardist for NYC Smoke - see www.nyc-smoke.com). His play, *The Weight of a Hummingbird*, was recently named a semi-finalist for this year's Eugene O'Neill Playwright's Workshop. He'd love to hear from GDA folks "no matter how little we knew each other at GDA." Contact him at jesse.soursourian@gmail.com.

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Hi, Class of 2000! I hope that these notes find you all well. I am adjusting quite easily to my first tropical winter in Florida. My lab received our permanent lab space this week, and have been busily carting our stuff down to it. I am really looking forward to getting everything up and going again. This past New Year's, I decided to head up to Washington, DC to meet up with Trinity friends and was fortunate to be able to meet up with **Elizabeth Turnbull** as well. She is doing well and is working for an energy and environmental consulting firm which works closely with the Department of Energy's Hydrogen Fuel Cell office. Elizabeth is living just around the corner from one of my Trinity friends off of Dupont Circle in a wonderful town house.

Daria Grayer writes that she hopes that this year is as prosperous for everyone as last year seemed to be. She is still in Washington, DC and plans to defend her thesis in February. Daria is busily editing and making

progress towards her goal of a career in journalism. Although her path may lead her in another direction, Daria is currently deciding whether or not to take a bioethicist position at the Washington Hospital Center. Daria's new email is dcgrayer@gmail.com. **Madeline Scheintaub** is in her second semester at CSU and will be teaching Botany again this semester. **Tom Hand** has accepted a landscape architect position at a large design firm in Boston. **Loren Montgomery** is working as a cop at MIT. She has been spending time with **Meghan Barry** and **Lindsay Gilmore**, and sees **Karen Bissell** when she's home from DC. **Emily Dana** is living in the North End in Boston with a friend and is right around the corner from **Meghan Barry**. Emily sees Courtney and Meg often. All three attended Jamie's wedding last fall and had a blast. **Jamie Gilberg** is happily enjoying married life.

Sarah Jameson is still living in Virginia and is waiting to hear on law school acceptances for next fall. Sarah's looking forward to a trip out to San Diego in March for work. She and her family are prepping for Heather's graduation from GW in May. Sarah is glad that Heather is planning on staying down in DC to work for a while as well. **Gretchen Gee** is still enjoying her time working for Habitat for Humanity in Athens, GA. **Nick Mincolla** just finished college with a BA in English and is living in South Boston. He's playing in two bands and is around town doing trade work. **Cassie Depratto** graduated Cum Laude with a BA from the University of Ottawa. She has continued study there and is in her second year of a BSc program for Occupational Therapy. Cassie's big news is that her boyfriend Kevin asked her to marry him on Christmas Day! **Marc McDonnell** was accepted to Naval Flight School and will be moving to Pensacola, Florida in May to start training. The training is approximately two years. Following completion of Flight School Marc will either fly helicopters or fixed wing aircraft for the US Coast Guard. **Jonathan Berardino** has graduated from Bucknell University. He is an electrical engineer. He stayed in Pennsylvania, living in Amish Country and working in a Nuclear Power Plant, Exelon Corp. He has been

working toward his Master's at Penn State.

Have a wonderful year and keep in touch!

2001

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5th Class Reunion June 9, 10, 11 2006

Hey, Class of 2001!!! This year has been a bit wild; I am moving down to Louisiana and getting married in April. My new name will be Maria Collins! I'm not sure what I will do for a job yet, but most likely it will be in a restaurant! I hope to see you all at our reunion!

Meg Lloyd writes: "I am still at Union a few weekends away of the end of my hockey 'career'. Although I see little ice time, I am excited to move on to coaching and playing in a more relaxed way around the Boston area. Finishing up a degree in English, and looking forward to taking an Internship at the K-9th grade school that I attended, where I will be working teaching English and maybe some Lower School, and coaching. Excited and a little nervous about graduating, I will not be able to be at the GDA reunion because that is my graduation weekend, unfortunately!! I would love to be there, and will see what I can do to put together a miny roadie to see you all!!"

Beth Depratto is still working and playing hockey for the Ottawa Raiders. She is still loving being on the ice and, for a bit, was working at the hockey stick factory (go figure, right?). Living the Canadian lifestyle with a little bit of hockey and then maybe some work on the side. Beth still enjoys living close to her family. **Kim Jones** is working in Boston and living with **Alyssa Chirlin** and a few friends from Colby. They are enjoying the boarding school "feel" a little bit after leaving GDA, as roommates. Although the heating in their apartment may not be the best, they are making the best of

a not-so-cold winter. Kim is waiting for the day when she can move back to Ireland. (Anyone have any job suggestions/opportunities?) **Lauren Bonaventura** has been working hard, taking classes while holding two different jobs. Dunkin Donuts is still her favorite and she is their strongest supporter in need of a coffee boost! **Hannah Baldwin** is back in New Hampshire and loving working a bit, while taking a few graduate courses and applying to graduate school. Keeping herself busy, she is still the rink rat she has always been and is playing hockey at any opportunity that presents itself.

Mike Zbriger is lighting up his senior year in the hockey arena, while finishing up an MBA at St. Lawrence. Not sure of next year, he is hoping to keep playing hockey somewhere! **Richard Lufkin** graduated from the University of Denver in June and left to discover the southern hemisphere and travel other parts of the world. He saw the New Year a few hours before the rest of us from Airley beach in Australia! **Ben Mitchell** is living and working in New York City. He has his B.A. in international relations from Wheaton College and is now working for Ford Modeling Agency at their world headquarters. He is working the front desk right now, while training for five months to be a booking agent. He ran into **Matt DiGuiseppe** in DC while visiting his girlfriend at Georgetown. Ben frequently talks to **Courtney Craft** and **Dan Lee**. He writes: "I hope to see you all at reunion if I get a chance to make it back home!"

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Sam Talbot is currently working at the marketing firm Kelliher Samets Volk in Burlington, VT and is graduating in the spring of 2006. She has three horses and has been busy with them! **Andrew Storm** says: "I'm enjoying my senior year at Vandy, living in my frat house as the pledge master, and have had a job all year as a securities analyst for Lord, Abbett, & Co. LLC, a mutual fund in NY. I'm going to live with **Justin Reese**

'02 in Jersey when we get there. I'm graduating with a double major in math, economics and a minor in finance or something like that. I don't really care if you change or edit it. I included a picture of me with our house penguin at one of our parties, it's kinda funny." **Rachel Manikian** reports: "After spending the fall semester in Boston, thanks to Hurricane Katrina, I cannot even BEGIN



Justin Reese '02 with penguin.

to say how happy I am to be in New Orleans again, and to be a part of bringing the city back. A few weeks ago I ran into **Joe Leavitt '01** and **Joe Fannon '01** late night at a favorite Tulane bar. I am entertaining thoughts of moving to NYC after graduation for the summer to figure out what I want to do next. But for now, I have been busybusybusy with life at Tulane, and my last Mardi Gras is just around the corner!"

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Hi, everyone. I (**Laura Ellison**) hope this Archon finds you all well, whether hard at work or studying somewhere exotic. It's

hard to believe it's been almost three years since we graduated. Our time at GDA gets further and further behind us and we are constantly reminded in both good ways - exciting new adventures at school and work-- but also bad ways with the loss of our first classmate, **Peter Bildner**, this past December. I hope everyone continues to take the time to write in, send updates and stay connected with each other and the school. Life at Williams has been great. I'm a Junior Advisor this year, living with 30 freshmen and trying to get them all through their first year of college. They are great and make my job really easy. I'm still running all year round. Our cross country team placed second at nationals this past fall and I was elected captain for next year. I was lucky enough to get together with former GDA runners **Gwyneth Stokes**, **Lesley Clunie '04** and **Caroline Ott '05** over break. I'm heading to San Diego with the track team for a spring training trip, finishing up second semester and planning on working in Boston again this summer.

Allison Tsao is looking forward to her last two semesters of college. She hopes to graduate early to take some time off to ride before med school. She is starting applications now and is hoping to stay somewhere on the east coast. She saw lots of people over New Year's such as **Gwyneth Stokes**, **Jackie Ross**, **Mike Oxtan**, **Allen Cooper** and others. She stills sees **Amrit Misra** every day in classes and they continue to be good friends. She writes that everyone should come to Baltimore this summer and catch a Sox-O's game at Camden Yards. **Gwyneth Stokes** is back on the East Coast and beginning classes at BU this semester. She is excited to be back in Boston. **Andy Shealy** is currently in Brighton, U.K. attending the University of Sussex for the spring and summer semesters as an international exchange student from the University of Vermont. He hopes to do some traveling throughout Europe in the month of April.

Meghan O'Malley sends more news from Williamstown: "Life here in the Purple Valley has been going great; busy as usual but I wouldn't want it any other way. We just completed our winter-study session here at Williams, where I took a Chinese sustaining class (I just started taking Chinese last semester) and a sports writing class. During winter-study, academic intensity is nothing compared to what it is during the regular



Brooke Eaton '03, Angela Romano '02, Kelsey Shannahan '03 and Rachel Manikian '02, all members of the 2002 GDA New England Champion Volleyball team, at the Holiday Gathering in Boston in December.

semester, which means that my primary focus has been basketball. Over Christmas break the team traveled down to South Padre Island to compete in the South Padre Island Shootout. We played two games during our time there, against Bridgewater State College and Edgewood College. We beat both teams, which earned us the Championship Title. (I was MVP of the tournament!) We've been having a terrific season so far, our current record being 17-3. We recently had a tremendous victory for our women's basketball program, beating Bates College by 21 points, after not beating them since 1999! It was a huge win for our team and I had a season high of 29 points and 10 rebounds! This season, I have definitely set my goals high for our team. The Final Four is in Springfield, MA this year, and I am determined to do whatever it takes to help us get to that point. So far, it's been an exciting year but the best is yet to come."

And from your other secretary, **Mike O'Neill**: "I will be spending the semester and summer in France. Can't believe senior year is almost here and then time for our first reunion. Hope to see you all soon."

2004

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Douglas Richardson says: "As of now I am enjoying my sophomore year at Union College. I see **Emily Bryson** and **Andy Wilks** a lot around campus. I am also participating in Army ROTC for my second year. At Union I am playing club hockey and just finished the fall ball season playing with the lacrosse team."

Ben Bell says, "Everything is going very well at Tufts. I'm in full support of the name change and am excited about the benefits that the Academy will reap from the change. Where are all the progressive mind-

ed people that inundated the school when I attended? Suddenly everyone fears change! Best to everyone, Ben."

And **Jessica Long** says, "My second year at Dartmouth has proved to be the toughest with Physics as my second major course in the pre-medical studies track. But although my first term of this year was tough, by the grace of God I made it through. I'm still participating on the track team here at Dartmouth. I still throw the shot put, discuss, and javelin, but I've added the hammer and the weight to my events. I saw **Joe Brown** and his parents at an outdoor meet last spring. It was cool. I became an aunt along with my brother **Raymond Long '96** who became an uncle July 4, 2005 when our nephew was born. It was cool to see him as a newborn and watch him grow and to take care of him. So my life is blessed. I hope that everyone is having a great year."

As for me, **Kelsey Quigley**, I'm taking some time away from Wellesley to sing. I'm living in Cambridge as a live-in nanny for a four-year-old boy, doing a lot of performing, and working on a CD of original music with a producer in Boston. Just last weekend I saw **Jenna Sweet** on the train back to Newburyport, and we were talking about how great it would be to reconnect with everyone. Hope everyone is doing well! Keep in touch.

2005

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Hello, Class of 2005! I (**Ruth Splaine**) hope all is well. I'm still enjoying life at Trinity. I love all my new classes this semester and I look forward to the rest of the year. **Barrie Stavis** and I see each other regularly.

She loves Trinity as well. **Annie Peterman '03** and **Shannon Falvey '03** have returned from being abroad. We are pleased to have more GDA alums here in Hartford. **Ruth Splaine** is happy at St. Michael's, although it has been a warm winter and the skiing is not as good. We were able to visit GDA a few times over break; it was great to see everyone again. Ruth and I were glad to get such a large response from everyone with good news to report. Keep it coming. I was pleased that I was able to see **Brian Morrissey** play football against Trinity this fall (of course Trinity was victorious. Go Bantams!) Brian was also able to watch **Bryan Dodge** play hockey against Williams along with **Raul Cruz**. Bryan was glad to see both of them. He is having a great time playing hockey for St. Michael's and he is glad to be getting a lot of ice time. **Erin Reil** loves Northeastern and is enjoying playing hockey and was very excited for the Beanpot. Also at Northeastern is **Nicole Greco** who is now concentrating on work and school and is currently looking for an apartment to live in next year with a few friends. **Nick Almy** loves Wheaton and is playing on the club hockey team.

I received an email from **Jen O'Leary** at the end of January and she reports: "I'm having an amazing time at Northwestern. Fall quarter, I was in the drum line for the Northwestern University Marching Band and as a result I am now a huge Big 10 Football fan. I was lucky enough to, as a member of the Marching Band, accompany the football team when they went to the Sun Bowl on December 30 in El Paso, TX. We performed with the UCLA Marching Band and the country band Diamond Rio at half-time and since the game was shown on CBS, I managed to get a little screen time! Now that marching season is over, I am working on student films. I've already worked on two, and I am set to start filming two more before the end of the quarter and one in the spring quarter." **Audrie Grigun** is attending the University of Edinburgh in Scotland and loves every minute of it!! She is soaking up the culture and trying to stay out of the rain! She hopes that all her friends from GDA come out to visit her. **Andrew Guyton** is thrilled that the Steelers won the Superbowl and is looking forward to playing rugby this spring for the Friar's Club team.

Keri Bergman is loving school and she is tutoring fourth graders in Brockton and

she is having a great time dancing in the dance club at Stonehill. **Brendan Giblin** is enjoying Hobart and had a great football season and he is currently looking for a house to live in for next year. Also at Hobart, is **Torie Allen**. She recently hung out with **John Hearty '04**, and made the college lacrosse team. **Bobby Rudolph** had an excellent first semester in Spain, and is extremely excited to finally be up at Colby. **Amanda Mello** reports that she also loves Colby. She is the opinion editor of the college paper and she is planning on taking kickboxing in the spring. **Meg Owen** is officially a Boston College SUPERFAN. She enjoys going to any and all BC sporting events and cheering on the Eagles. I was able to visit her there over break and she seems to be having a great time. **Chris McKinnon** reports: "I moved out to Los Angeles on January 4, 2006. USC lost the Rose Bowl but the campus bounced back pretty quickly and everyone is in good spirits. I'm really glad to finally be out here. I see **Tyler Gobin** around a lot between classes. My roommate, Michael Feeney, is a really cool kid. I really enjoy dorm life and most of the guys on my floor are really cool. The weather is excellent, which makes things a lot easier." He was also appointed to the residential board very soon after arriving at USC. Congrats, Chris!

Rebecca Kelly sent Ruth an email saying, "I am having a great time at Columbia, and absolutely loving being in Manhattan. There's just so much to do here. I've been to lots of museums, festivals, shows, concerts, and amazing stores. I see **Caroline Ott** a lot; it is great to have her here with me! I guess the craziest news I have about my life here is that I am on the sailing team, which is something I neither planned nor ever expected. It has been a great opportunity for me, and I (somehow) made the varsity team, and have traveled with them to many regattas. Most events are close by in the Long Island Sound or New Jersey, but I have also gone to regattas in Philadelphia, Annapolis, Los Angeles, and we will be in Charlestown, South Carolina in two weeks! I miss a lot about GDA, and visited my home last Friday for winter break. It was great to see lots of old teachers and friends." Up at UNH, **Kelsey Johnson** is playing on the lacrosse team and is living with **Julie O'Shaughnessy**. Recently they spent some time with **Kevin Kapstad** and **Katie**

Leibovitz and **Gardiner Parker** visited the three.

Sarah Somogie recently joined the Chi Omega sorority at Rollins and is very happy with her decision to stay at Rollins. **Jen Muscatello** enjoys Villanova and is playing on the club lacrosse team and she is working as a tour guide. **Meredith Baker** is happy at Miami and excited that the school hockey team is number one in the country. **Lindsey Hery** came back to GDA to play basketball and went to New York City with **Daisy Martinez** over break. Lindsey and Daisy are planning a road trip down to Savannah to visit **Ariel Lilly**. At Babson, **Jim Zografos** is having a great time. He started his own exterior painting company through College Pro; he started a dodge ball team; he is working on a radio show, and clearly staying busy. **Tim Cushman** is excited that he just started electrical computer engineering classes.

Nikki Bitsack is doing really well at BU. She was recently named to the Dean's Circle which includes students who have a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher, with a minimum of four academic courses. She is one of only 52 students in her college classes. Good work, Nikki! She often sees **Christian Peng** and **Tom Roche** walking up and down Comm. Ave. Also she says she "sees them tearing up the BU basketball courts at fitrec." **Emilie Pickering** reports: "We arrived at Tulane in New Orleans 24 hours before Katrina. Moved into dorm, then got kicked out! We escaped 400 miles to Memphis, TN leaving New Orleans at 3 a.m. and got a plane two days later to Boston. Three days later I was in Madison, WI at the university, happily in a dorm." **Erin Reil** was recently named Hockey East Rookie of the Week. Also, she scored a goal and had three assists in the Beanpot.

I'm very glad to hear everyone is doing so well. Stay in touch!

Resting Assured

by Caroline Turnbull '06

The following is adapted from a Chapel Talk delivered in Moseley Chapel earlier in this academic year.

Oh no. I can picture it now. It's one of those nights when I won't be able to go to sleep. Do you ever wonder why that happens? I think it's because, for me at least, my brain loves annoying the hell out of me. I think a lot. I mean it seems like when I am at the peak of physical exhaustion, my brain is at the pinnacle of activity. It's almost as though making contact with the pillow can actually engage my brain to jump into a higher gear instead of slow it to quickly fall asleep. Whatever is in that brain of mine knows I should get to sleep, but just to spite me it won't. What can calm my brain tonight? Counting sheep? No. A glass of water? Negative. A trip to the kitchen for something? Regrettably, not this time. Unfortunately, the odd experiments and the trivial old wives remedies are to no avail.

When it is one of those slow-to-sleep nights, my mind tends to be filled with worry. This part of my brain is always active in my waking hours, but it especially comes to life when I am trying to get to bed. In fact, if there is one aspect of my character that I detest the very most it is my keen ability to agonize over things about which I cannot change. It is sometimes a healthy process to brew over the day, but in such depth and at such an inconvenient time? Think about it. It is a real waste of time to wonder in agony if what I had said to my teacher may have been taken the wrong way. In my kind of super-analysis of the day I always stumble on the question – Could my day have been better? Or worse, I think what I did wrong. I should have remembered how to conjugate *traducir* in the subjunctive for the Spanish test during A block. *Traduzca...traduzcas...traduzca...* I should have run that 800 faster; Abu must really hate me. That 'D' on the physics test will really let down my parents and my GPA.

Now, my family is a big writing family. They have always stressed the importance of writing and reading. My father has always been on my back about reading the newspaper as much as my mother has constantly stressed the importance of writing both in and out of school. Until recently I have tried to stay away from my own personal writing. Though I'm no big rebel, I like to think of myself as independent and not on a leash, forced to do things. To be honest, I kind of hated taking my mom's advice to heart. Like most matters in my life, I thought I knew better than she did. The second reason for not wanting to write on my own was for fear that I would feel unnecessarily exposed. I knew that nobody would judge me or read what I wrote, but I felt a strong sense that it wouldn't be any good. Was this process of letting everything out a sign that I couldn't shoulder anything? But only recently I have put

these fears behind me. I have found an approach to try to calm myself when I am desperate to rest. I write. In my experience, writing how you feel and what is affecting you is an excellent way to decompress. I know what you're thinking. You already write enough. But this kind of writing is different. First of all, you can spell everything wrong, which is a magnificent relief when you know you can get away with it. Nobody cares because nobody knows that you didn't include that 'R' in February. Antecedent agreements, dangling participles and parallel structure? No English teacher, or anyone else for that matter, will ever read it, so – out the window grammar goes.

"Free Writing" I guess is a term that some people call what I do. But, to be honest, I think the coined term is kind of a turn-off to the whole method. I have always thought that this expression implies a type of weakness, like I can't swallow my problems so I have to be all untamed and natural to embrace the power of the English language. Others would define "Free Writing" by saying that your mind is what guides you and you don't have to consciously think about the act. Since I have started to write for myself I have found that though this sounds dramatic it is, in a sense, what happens. One of the things that is for sure is that it is different for everyone, so think of it and call it what you like. You can try it every day, or every week, of every fifth Tuesday if you like the sounds of that.

Wishing something could have been better and worrying are two desperately pointless exercises. I do realize though, firsthand, that it is hard to let go of an engrained habit or approach a new way of thinking. All I know is that great sense of relief when I close my journal with a few less pages bare. Some of these agonizing nights have been saved by writing; only a few minutes and I'm cured. It's like the miracle medicine. The more weighted with words the pages become, the noticeably less overwhelmed I become: perfect – I can just return the journal to the shelf.

My grandfather, Papa, has written for pleasure all of his life. He has written a number of autobiographical and historical memoirs, more for himself and his immediate family than anybody else. Papa calls what I do "writing as a way of thinking." Instead of letting these thoughts congregate and clutter the brain, I urge you to clear them in whatever way works for you – whether it be Papa's more public approach, my more reserved technique, or a way of your own choosing. Don't let what's bothering you hijack all other rational thought. Write it down and finally put it to sleep.

Remember what you loved about being a student at GDA? Pass it on.



Nathalie Ames '85 and her daughter Laura

“Estate planning is a task that many people do not want to address. It forces us to think about different scenarios in our life, some are exciting and some are not. Having a daughter prompted me to face this undertaking head on. I have come to realize how important it is. Through the process of my planning I was able to think about all of the special people and places in my life. GDA is right up there on that list. If I think about all of the friends I made, the confidence I gained, and the amazing things I learned from remarkable teachers, it was an obvious decision to put Governor Dummer in my will. I value my experience and know it is important to give back to such a wonderful community. It is my commitment to a school I believe in, a school which brought me so many opportunities and a school which opened my eyes to the world. I hope you will include GDA in your estate planning. It is a decision you will feel good about.”

Nathalie Ames '85

Nathalie Ames



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